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Battered by 80mph gales

by David Dawson

GALES with winds gusting up to 80mph battered West Dorset's coastline – and brought flooding and traffic chaos inland.

They reached their peak on Friday night and into Saturday – with a family of five, including a pregnant woman and two children, having to be rescued by firemen from a flooded river crossing.

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

THIS week is Bridport Literary Festival and to mark the event this week's subject is the town's Library Manager Janice Bourbon.

Janice has worked at the Bridport Library for 26 years and has been manager for the past six.

Janice is a book-lover herself and when she finds the time she enjoys writing her own poetry.

Having been born in Bridport Janice moved away to university and then spent time living in Somerton before returning home.

She now lives in West Allington with her husband and her youngest son.

■ WHAT do you like most about Bridport?
It's got all sorts of people in and it's quite cosmopolitan really. There are lots of interesting people. It's a beautiful setting and I like being near the sea. It's great to have such beautiful countryside so close to the sea. I like the landscape because I hate flat places. My worst nightmare would be living somewhere like the plains in Kansas.

■ WHAT would you like to change about the town?
I wouldn't like to see too many chain stores coming to the town, I'd like Bridport to keep its individuality.
I wouldn't like it to get like lots of other places, it's quite individual and idiosyncratic really.

■ WHAT would you recommended as a winter read?
I'm very fond of Thomas Hardy actually. I find there are lots of comic bits in Hardy and it's not all doom and gloom. It's quite entertaining.
I like "Under the Greenwood Tree" and also "A Fellow Townsman" which is a short story set in Bridport and you can still recognise it even now.
That would be a good short winter read I suppose.

■ WHICH three books would you want with you on a desert island?
I'd have "The Great Gatsby" because I like F. Scott Fitzgerald. I love his style of writing and that's been a favourite book for a long time.
Probably something like "The Rattlebag" which is a collection of poetry edited by Seamus Heaney and probably a Hardy because it's very much my roots. I think that even today you can recognise a lot of the places in his books and the people, the local colour.

■ WHAT has been the biggest achievement in your life?
Probably being married for 37 years. That's quite a big achievement these days and I'm still smiling.

■ WHERE do you see yourself in five years time?
Well perhaps I'll be retired in five years time and I'll have more time and enough energy left to do some things that I've put on hold.
I'd like to just spend more time relaxing, exploring and maybe do some more travelling. I haven't done a lot of travelling and believe it or not the first time I went on an aeroplane was last year. That was quite exciting so I'm up to go again. I went to Dubai then and next Easter I am going to Carolina and Georgia with my sister and her family.

■ HAVE you ever tried writing yourself?
I have tried writing and mainly poems. I have written a few stories but nothing on the scale of "War and Peace" or anything. I quite like writing poetry because I like words and unusual ways of saying things and analogies. It is also quite therapeutic writing poems. If you are feeling very unhappy or conversely very happy, writing is quite a good therapy.

■ WHO is your favourite poet?
I like Gerard Manley Hopkins because I like his imagery but I like all sorts really. I like Elliot and Robert Frost and I like comic poets, as well, like John Hegley.

■ WHAT events do you have coming up at the library?
The week after next we have a slot for people coming to enter the BBC's My Story competition. That is on Wednesday, November 25th from 9:30am to 1pm. People can come and get help with their writing and learn how they could format it and get a few tips.

■ WHAT do you think of Bridport's reputation in the literary world?
It's really good, the short story competition the Bridport Prize is very popular now. I remember helping Mrs Chapman-Andrews years ago in her kitchen sort out the entries. The money from that really launched the arts centre and it's grown into a really big thing and it's really good.
Bridport does have a lot of arts going on and there are so many local people here who are skilled with music and painting and crafts and writing. It is a very creative centre. I think it is quite flourishing. Obviously it breeds creative people. As soon as you get a bit of a reputation it grows and flourishes.

■ IF you could be remembered for just one thing what would you like that to be?
I'd like to be remembered as being approachable and being a good listener. A friendly person who is always there for people.

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Gales batter West Dorset coastline

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family was driving across the River Char in Gassons Lane when their car stalled with water covering the bonnet.

They scrambled on to the roof and waited until firemen from Charmouth and Lyme arrived to rescue them.

On the A35 west of the Bridport a four-wheel drive vehicle towing a caravan were blown off the dual carriageway into a field – but the driver and his passenger escaped uninjured.

Bridport market was hit with most traders deciding not to take the risk. But Isobel Green braved the weather to advertise St Mary's Church's regular coffee morning.

At Mosterton, north of Beaminster, fire crews, including the Special Rescue Unit from Weymouth, were called to rescue a woman trapped in her in floodwater.

While they were there a second vehicle also became stuck and firefighters helped its two occupants to safety.

A woman needed rescuing from her car stuck in a flooded road near Broadwindsor the same night.

And, in Dorchester trees were blown over in the town centre and a Filipino sailor died in Dorset County Hospital after he was winched from a tanker moored in Portland Harbour suffering from breathing difficulties.

Over the weekend in West Bay waves crashed over the harbour wall and a dog had to be rescued by coastguards after falling off the top of cliffs and becoming trapped on a ledge.

Fences were blown down and roof tiles blown away at the height of the storm.

The Environment Agency said they had no reports of homes being flooded – but warned people to avoid the coast due to high tides and winds.

A spokesman said on Saturday: "Tides are very high at the moment. It is very treacherous all along the coast."

■ WAVES crash over West Bay's harbour wall

New rector settling in

THE new Team Rector of the Bridport Team Ministry is settling in well in the town.

The Rev Canon Andrew Evans, 52, was officially welcomed at a service led by the Bishop of Salisbury earlier this month.

Originally from South Wales, Mr Evans moved to the area from North Wiltshire where he was the Rector of a group of eight churches, known as the Gauzebrook group.

Mr Evans is living in the rectory by St Mary's church, with his wife Chris, youngest daughter Chloe, son-in-law Tony, and their granddaughter Amelia.

Mr Evans said: "It's great and I'm really loving it here. It's great to come to Bridport having been in a rural community.

"The people I have met have been very friendly and I have had a great welcome."

■ THE Rev Canon Andrew Evans

■ ISOBEL Green put on a red nose and braved the weather to publicise her church's coffee morning

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Nursery Fun Day

BRIDPORT Nursery, within Bridport Children's Centre will be holding a Fun Open Day on Tuesday, December 1st.

The Fun Day will start at 10am and finish at 3pm. The staff would like to invite all families to go along and take part in the "Around the World" themed day with activities from different countries and cultures, which will include a range of art and craft, music, messy play, construction, outdoor play and a treasure hunt for all to enjoy.

Parents, children and families will be able to play, as well as meeting some of the staff who will be running the nursery when it opens in January 2010.

For more information please contact Rachel Randall, Deputy Nursery Manager at Bridport Nursery, St Mary's Primary School, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport, DT6 5LA or 01308 800029.

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Rent a Christmas tree and avoid those needles!

by Stuart Broom

CHARMINSTER tree surgeon Martin Cake has come up with the novel idea of people renting their Christmas tree and claims "A tree is for life, not just Christmas!"

Dubbed "The Christmas Tree Man", Martin is a passionate environmentalist and came up with the idea of renting then replanting Christmas trees as a way ensuring that one day not a single one will be thrown away after Christmas, and that they will all be returned to the ground.

He came up with the idea last year just selling locally but his scheme was picked up by Radio 2's Chris Evans who immediately purchased one and campaigned for others to do the same.

Martin explained: "We are the UK's only environmentally friendly Christmas Tree Service. When you rent a tree from us we will deliver it to your door.

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Helped by website designer Julian May of Westcountry Online Limited, the scheme has now gone online and the trees are sold nationally and are proving a great success.

Besides Evans and hundreds of others, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Royal Bank of Scotland and Westland Helicopters have purchased trees.

There are a range of trees to choose from starting at £49 for a 5ft Norwegian Spruce and seems the ideal way of making sure you don't have the trouble of sweeping up all those needles after Christmas whilst doing your bit to help the environment.

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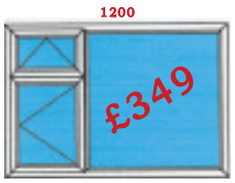

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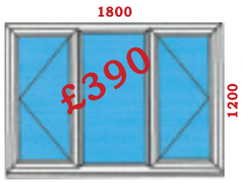

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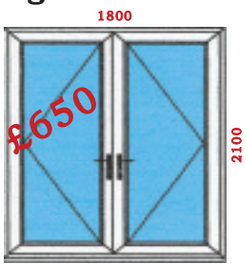

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■ OFFICIAL OPENING - Rear Admiral Gwyn Williams, General Manager Nick Neale and Trust Chairman Richard Salt cut the opening ribbon

New fitness suite at leisure centre officially opened

by Tom Glover

THE new state of the art fitness suite at the Bridport Leisure Centre was officially opened at the weekend.

A party of invited guests attended the centre on Saturday of last week where Chairman of the Bridport and West Dorset Sports Trust Richard Salt cut the red ribbon with the trusts President Rear Admiral Gwyn Pritchard.

The fitness suite team also attended the opening and were offering interested visitors a tour of the new facility.

Work on the new fitness suite began in June this year and was completed last month. The new fitness suite features top of the range Technogym equipment, the suppliers of the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics.

The new system allows customers to store programs and personal data on a smart key, cardio equipment features TV, radio and Ipod technology and an extension on the old gym provides extra space and equipment for users.

While work was completed a temporary gym was set up in the sports hall of the centre but General manager Nick Neale believes that it was all worth it in the end: "It was absolutely worth the wait, the response has been really good so far and very positive. We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused to our members during the building process but we hope and we are sure it was worth the wait" he said.

Richard Salt, Chairman of the Bridport and West Dorset Sports Trust, added: "It was definitely worth all the effort. It has wonderful equipment, beautiful flooring, lovely lighting, background music. It's a place where any person can come in of any age or ability and they can exercise and get fit.

"If you look around the other gyms in the area you will find the equipment here to be way superior and there is much greater range of equipment here. I would say to anyone who hasn't been down yet to come and try it, just have a session see if you like it and I'm sure you will."

■ FITNESS SUITE TEAM - The fitness suite team were given tours of the new facility on the night

£100,000 school extension opened

PAST and Present pupils of Powerstock Primary School came together last week for the official opening of their new extension.

Powerstock's second oldest former pupil Betty Bull, 79 cut the red ribbon along with the school's current youngest pupil, four-year-old Oliver House.

The new extension was completed in April and provides a new entrance to the old building as well as making space for an Admin and Headteacher's office.

The £100,000 extension was funded by a grant from the Salisbury Diocese and money put forward by the school Governors.

Headteacher Mrs Claire Briden said: "I think it makes the school look so much more welcoming and with the increasing numbers it is nice to have the extra space.

"When Betty attended the school there were around 40 students, that number dropped to 13 at one stage but now we are up to 63 pupils."

Betty Bull added: "The new extension is very good. The school has altered such a lot and my children and grandchildren have all attended here.

"It's a very good school and I hope it has a good future ahead of it."

Headteacher Mrs Claire Briden looks on as Oliver house cuts the ribbon with Betty Bull.

Initiative helps protect property

OFFICERS from the Bridport Safer Neighbourhood Team were around the area last week talking to the public on a variety of topics related to Not in My Neighbourhood, a national crime prevention initiative aimed mainly at protecting property from thieves and vandals.

As with the recent Know Your Limits campaign the public had questions on a number of other topics including anti-social behaviour and crime prevention in general.

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Bouncing away for Children in Need

TRAMPOLINISTS from Bridport Leisure Centre have bounced their way to over £900 for Children in Need.

A week before the big day itself Bridport Leisure Centre held it's 9th Sponsored Bounce in Aid of Children In Need for three-year-olds to adults. This year's theme was Pudsey in Pyjamas, and the hall was full of trampolinists in their nightwear, dressing gowns and slippers.

A total of 29 children and Adults, bounced from 8am-10.30pm on Friday night and on Saturday it was the turn of the younger children who bounced from 1pm-2.30pm.

The two days of bouncing helped to raise the fantastic sum of just over £900, a great way to kick off the towns Children in Need events.

Organisor Penny Stevenson said: "Well done to all who came and bounced, I hope you enjoyed it as much as the coaching team did.

"Special thanks to Sarah, Gabrielle and Craig Horton for once again supplying a wonderful and very welcome cake to share at the end."

■ BABY BOUNCERS - The younger children gather on the bouncy castle

Doing their bit for Pudsey

THE staff at Boots in Bridport will be doing their bit for Children in Need this year but are appealing for your help with their fundraising.

The stores Area Manager John O'Sullivan has agreed to have his legs waxed if the staff manage to raise £500.

There are collection buckets in store for anyone wishing to donate to the cause.

On the day of Children in Need this Friday, November 20th the staff will also be in fancy dress as they attempt to keep a treadmill running from 9am to 5:30pm.

■ CAKE TIME - Sarah Horton shows off the Children in Need cake

■ WORKING HARD - One of the youngsters does her bit for charity

People make some strange insurance claims!

THE Inner Wheel Club of Bridport's new year has begun well with president Sheila Vastenhout firmly established in the chair!

The September meeting was tinged with sadness when a minute's silence was observed in memory of Joan White and Joan Nicholls, two longstanding and much loved members who passed away during August.

The speaker was "Julie" who explained the vital role played by the Samaritans, one of Sheila's chosen charities for the year.

At the October meeting plans were laid for the festive season and the speaker was Mr Jeff Hodgson of Age Concern. Jeff gave all some very good advice on insurance and he amused members with stories from the insurance industry. People make some very strange claims!

The club was sad to bid farewell to Joan Robinson who is relocating to Berkshire to be nearer her family. Joan will be greatly missed as she has been a superb "Inner Wheeler" for many years and held just about every office, including that of president. Joan and Dennis are wished all the very best for their future.

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Used stamps and old mobiles needed to help air ambulance

■ ANYONE watching the TV series cannot fail to realise how essential is the air ambulance service, especially to those in rural areas such as ours.

It is not provided by the NHS and we have to raise £3,600 per day to keep the helicopter flying.

Thanks to the continuing efforts made by many people I have been able to send over £18,000 to our air ambulance. Used stamps and old mobile phones can be left at several points in the area for me to collect for the benefit of this wonderful service.

There is a long and growing list of patients and their families who are grateful for the speed, which is the essence – at which critically injured patients have reached hospital.

It could be you, or a member of your family, who will need the air ambulance, so please contribute stamps (with plenty of the envelope still left), and mobile phones at any of the following places:

Beaminster - The NFU Offices, or Honeysuckle Veterinary Practice in Tunnel Road

Melplash – The Old Vicarage

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Thank you to the many people – most of them anonymous – who keep me busy collecting, sorting, weighing and handing over the contributions. Please keep up the good work.

JANET TUBRIDY.
Beaminster.

Round Table firework display loss but it's for the community

■ MAY I on behalf of Bridport Round Table thank all our supporters who braved the elements on Saturday night at our firework display.

I would also like to thank Bridport St. John Ambulance for their continued support, the various organisations who ran stalls at the event, the staff at the Leisure Centre for all their help, Bridport Carnival Committee for the use of their safety barriers and Graham Evans of Evans Plant Hire for the use of his lighting rig.

Although we made a loss this year it emphasises that the display is for the community rather than a fund raising event.

Bridport Round Table has funds available for worthy causes and contact details can be found atwww.bridportroundtable.org.uk if you wish to apply.

JULIAN HUSSEY.
Bridport Round Table.

Christkindlmarket

THE annual Bride Valley Christkindlmarket is being held in Litton Cheney on Saturday, November 28th this year between 4pm and 8 pm.

There will be craft stalls, live music children's entertainment and a nativity among other attractions.

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

POETRY, like music, is for hearing as well as for reading. When I am alone with a book of poems, I always prefer to read them aloud. I particularly enjoy hearing the ballads of Robert Service, with their many internal rhymes and their stories of the gold rush a hundred years ago. Service was a Lancashire lad who spent his boyhood in Glasgow and became a bank clerk. But he didn't fit in to nine-to-five straitjacket and emigrated to Canada, finishing up in Dawson City in Yukon Territory. In composing this early poem he could have been writing about himself.

The Men That Don't Fit In

There's a race of men that don't fit in,
A race that can't stay still;
So they break the hearts of kith and kin,
And they roam the world at will.
They range the field and they rove the flood,
And they climb the mountain's crest.
Theirs is the curse of the gypsy blood,
And they don't know how to rest.

If they just went straight, they might go far;
They are strong and brave and true;
But they're always tired of the things that are,
And they want the strange and new.
They say: "Could I find my proper groove,
What a deep mark I would make!"
So they chop and change, and each fresh move
Is only a fresh mistake.

And each forgets, as he strips and runs
With a brilliant, fitful pace,
It's the steady, quiet, plodding ones
Who win in the lifelong race.
And each forgets that his youth has fled,
Forgets that his prime is past,
Till he stands one day, with a hope that's dead,
In the glare of the truth at last.

He has failed, he has failed;
He has missed his chance;
He has just done things by half.
Life's been a jolly good joke on him,
And now is the time to laugh.
Ha, ha! He is one of the legion lost;
He was never meant to win.
He's a rolling stone, and it's bred in the bone;
He's a man who won't fit in.

SADLY, for this column, many of Service's best ballads such as "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and "The Cremation of Sam McGee" are much to long for us to use. So this one has been selected for its brevity.

Comfort

Say! You've struck a heap of trouble –
Bust in business, lost your wife;
No one cares a cent about you,
You don't care a cent for life;
Hard luck has of hope bereft you,
Health is failing, wish you'd die –
Why, you've still the sunshine left you
And the big, blue sky.

Sky so blue it makes you wonder
If it's heaven shining through;
Earth so smiling 'way out yonder,
Sun so bright it dazzles you;
Birds a-singing, flowers a-flinging
All their fragrance on the breeze;
Dancing shadows, green, still meadows –
Don't you mope, you've still got these.

These, and none can take them from you;
These, and none can weigh their worth.
What! You're tired and broke and beaten?-
Why, you're rich – you've got the earth!
Yes , if you're a tramp in tatters,
While the blue sky bends above
You've got nearly all that matters –
You've got God, and God is love.

■ CRUNCH TIME - Mothers and babies at the Bumps and Babies group in Bridport

Volunteers needed if trust is to survive

by Tom Glover

THE Bridport branch of the National Childbirth Trust is due to celebrate its 25th anniversary next year - but group leaders have warned they may not survive Christmas unless new volunteers come forward.

The group runs a bumps and babies group in Bridport on a Monday morning providing vital support for expecting mothers and new parents and also runs regular open house sessions.

The Axminster branch of the group closed last year leaving Bridport as the only group between Dorchester, Yeovil and Exeter.

The group is currently being run by four members but Group Leader Meeri Wallace believes they need 20 to 30 new volunteers to keep the group going.

Meeri said: "I think at the moment we will only last until Christmas. There are really just two or three of us running the whole branch now and we can't continue like that we need 20 maybe 30 people.

"At the moment we have no one to organise events and we need to raise £2000 a year to keep the group running. At the moment we are all working 10 hours a week at least and we can't carry on.

"We are appealing to mums of all backgrounds, there is a lot of support available from head office and from the committee you can put in as much or as little time as you have available whether its an hour a week or just a couple of hours a month."

Post Natal Co-ordinator Suzanne Moore added: "We need volunteers in order to keep running, when I started here I had very bad post-natal depression and I wouldn't have survived my second child without this group and meeting friends and the support.

"There are lots of other mums here in the same position and we need the group to keep running or these women will be on their own. "

Annabelle Hunt joined the group 3 years ago and was devastated to hear that the group was in danger: "I think it would be just awful if we lost the group, when I first started coming I didn't realise how hard I was finding it.

"It would be a huge loss and I realise now how difficult my first baby was, no other group offers the same. They just keep you going on a Monday morning.

"Its great fun volunteering here. I made some really great friends having just moved into the area and its brilliant" she said.

The group hold their AGM at the George Hotel in South Street, Bridport at 8pm on Monday, December 7th. Group leaders are urging volunteers to attend as this will be the crunch meeting for the group.

There will also be a nearly new sale held by the group at Salway Ash Village Hall from 2pm-4pm on Saturday, November 28th.

If you would like to volunteer then please contact Meeri Wallace on 01297 678538.

Reports on latest local transport developments

LATEST developments on local transport issues will be reported on at the next meeting of the West Dorset Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG).

It will be held on Thursday, November 19th at the Friends Meeting House, 95 South Street, Bridport, starting at 6.30pm

There will be a report on the recent TravelWatch South West conference and details of Network Rail's 'Rail Utilisation Strategy' for the Great Western routes.

The future of the Hospital Car Service is another concern – there will be an update on the current situation by a representative from "LINks".

The 73 bus route is now under new management, and a consultation is underway to examine the future of this service.

A representative from Dorset County Council's Passenger Transport department will advise on this, and also to give us an update on other matters, including the launch of their new area bus timetables.

Anyone and everyone with a public transport problem is encouraged to come and talk about it.

Acclaimed climate change film to be shown at arts centre

THE ACCLAIMED climate change film The Age Stupid will be shown at Bridport Arts Centre on behalf of
Transition Town Bridport on November 27th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 on the door and also available beforehand from The Bookshop, Bridport Music and Fruits of the Earth.

The dramatic and thought-provoking film stars Peter Postlethwaite as an old man living in the devastated world of 2055, watching archive footage from 2008 and asking:"Why didn't we stop climate change while we had the chance?"

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Gig rowing club formally launched

by Tom Glover

A DOUBLE bill of events this week saw Bridport Gig Rowing Club formally launch themselves as the newest community-sporting organisation in the town.

After a busy six months of fundraising, the club elected their first committee at a well-attended AGM held at the The Bull Hotel in Bridport and then on Saturday night the fundraising continued with a "Gig for a Gig" event.

At the AGM Mike Carter took the chair after a unanimous vote from the members before inspiring presentations from Atlantic Rower and 'Dorset 2012 Legacy Manager', Gary Fooks, and Weymouth Gig Club Chair, Heddon Johnson.

The newly elected chairman Mike Carter said: "It is amazing how far we have come in less than 12 months which is a tribute to the vision, enthusiasm and energy of all who have been involved with the Club.

"We are now at the point of securing funding for our first training gig and we will continue raising money in order for us to commission our racing gig and be ready for competitive racing in 2011.

"This of course will put us on the map for 2012 and be Bridport and West Bay's continuing legacy for the Olympics"

As a second event on Saturday of last week the club organised a "GIG for a Gig" at The George in West Bay.

Live band "Trouble in mind" got the party started and local businesses were very generous in their donations to the prize draw helping the event raise over £300.

Committee member Sally Vaughan added: "For a fledgling gig club without a boat, we have been overwhelmed at the interest shown so far, and we would like to thank everyone that has been involved so far for their commitment and hard work.

"The best is yet to come, once we get on the water we really will have something to shout about, and for anyone who has been thinking of joining there couldn't be a better time than right now."

The club has now raised enough money to get their first boat on the water and with a healthy membership totalling around 100 people to date the club is destined to make a big splash with the launch of its first gig anticipated for Spring 2010.

For further information and contact details go to www.bridportgigrowing-club.org.uk.

■ INSPIRING SPEAKERS - Members at the AGM pictured alongside Gary Fooks (centre) and Heddon Johnson (third from right)

■ GIG FOR A GIG - Club members prepare for the evenings entertainment on Saturday night

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Welfare system survey for unemployed

UNEMPLOYED people in the Bridport and Beaminster area are being asked to take part in a survey on how well the welfare system is working locally.

Bridport and District Citizens Advice Bureau is calling on people to take part in an anonymous online survey on the national Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk/fairwelfare as part of its 'Fair Welfare' campaign launched this month.

The quick and easy survey aims to explore the good, the bad, and the ugly side of back to work support, asking how useful people find work-focused interviews, if they have been given the support they need to find a job or get training, and what they would like to change.

CAB manager Martin Paley said: "At a time of recession and increasing unemployment, more people than ever are turning to the benefits system for support. This has created huge pressure both on Jobcentre Plus and on those who are out of work.

"We want to make sure the Government is delivering the high-quality personalised support it has promised to help people back to work. By telling us about your experiences you can help us campaign for better back-to-work support for alL"

As well as taking part in the survey, people can also tell their stories in confidence using special postcards available in Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Findings from the survey and evidence gathered by bureaux around the country will be used in the Citizens Advice Fair Welfare campaign for a just, efficient welfare benefits and tax credits system, with recommendations to government on how back-to-work support can be improved.

Anyone having problems with the benefits or tax credits system or needing to find out more about what they may be entitled to can get free, confidential independent information and advice from the CAB.

Association celebrates the Battle of Trafalgar

THE BATTLE of Trafalgar has been celebrated by members of Bridport Royal Naval Association at their annual dinner and dance.

Guest at Highlands End included members of Portland RNA, colleagues from Bridport and Lyme Bay RAF Association, Bridport Sea Cadets and many other friends.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by Shipmate Barry Deaney, the Toast to the Immortal Memory and to the RNA by Branch Presidents Captain John Bench CBE, RN and the Toast to Our Guests and Our Ladies by Branch Chairman Malcolm Baldwin.

Branch Treasurer Shipmate Pam Warner was then presented with a Life Membership of the RNA Certificate by the president.

In his resume the branch chairman said that Pam had been vice-chairman, chairman, before her 10 years as treasurer.

She had also arranged social functions for many years. Her hard work and dedication made her fully deserving of the award.

There were smiles all round when the chairman gave her as branch treasurer the bill for framing the certificate.

A Trafalgar service was held the following Sunday at St John's Church, West Bay, conducted by Branch Chaplain the Rev Canon Syd Wilcox

Pam is seen receiving her award from the president.

Another successful year

LODERS Young Players held their annual awards at Loders Village Hall on Sunday, November 1st. The event was well supported by members and their families, and guests included the coaches in tennis, archery and "kwik cricket", the main activities currently offered by the charitable organisation set up eight years ago to offer sporting opportunities to children aged between 5 and 18 in the village and surrounding benefice.

The trophies were awarded as follows:

Archery - most improved: Jessica Hart; runner-up: Lizzie Crab. Presented by Alan Dennis, coach.

Kick cricket (ages 5-8) - most improved: Dillon O'Brien; runner-up: Josh Powls. Presented by Ashley Chant, coach.

Tennis - most improved: Sam Farrow; runner-up: Marcus Burt. Presented by Alan Cash, coach.

A new award for 2009 was the Captain John Hughes special achievement award, established in memory of the founder and former Chairman of LYPs who passed away this summer. Mrs Pat Hughes, his widow, presented the award to Oliver Lee for his wide-ranging achievements in sport at school and club level, but in particular for his involvement in West Dorset District and County B team cricket.

David Lee, Loders Young Players chairman, reported that it had been another successful year and thanked the coaches, committee, volunteers and fund raisers for their indispensable help, emphasising, too, the rewards of the continuing to work closely with Loders Youth Club, Loders School, and Powerstock Junior Cricket Club, to whom a cheque for £130 was presented to help meet coaching costs.

The money, raised at a fund-raising table-top sale in October, was received by Powerstock JCC chairman Steve Hibbs.

The formal part of the evening ended with the presentation, by representatives of the members, of gifts to the coaches in appreciation of their continuing support.

the new look
Bay Hotel Bistro

The Bay Hotel Restaurant on the Marine Parade is having a facelift. Over the past month major works have been undertaken on the interior, including the installation of two very large beams to replace a central fireplace.

We will be upgrading all the furnishings to give a modern feel to the New Bistro which will be opening the second week in December.

The new local owners are keen to invest in the future of this beautiful hotel providing guests and local residents with a friendly place to relax and enjoy breakfasts, coffees, lunches, teas and evening meals, or just a drink at the new bespoke bar.

The Head Chef Iain Gutteridge, formerly of Turles Restaurant, has put together an exciting new menu of the best of British fare with a Mediterranean twist, sourcing all his ingredients locally wherever possible.

We would like to thank Lyme Regis Town Council for their understanding during the work.

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Low maintenance, sustainable plants for County Hall flowerbeds

by David Dawson

NEW low-maintenance, sustainable plants are set to replace the existing flowerbeds at the front of County Hall in Dorchester – aimed at saving Dorset County Council thousands of pounds per year. Planting of the new garden started this week.

The arrangement, called Wildwoods, he has been designed to tell the story of the evolution of plants in Dorset and reflect the county's outstanding natural environment.

A council spokesman said the garden will provide better long-term value for money than the existing flowerbeds, which are high-maintenance. The plants will be sourced from local nurseries where possible and many are drought resistant, which means they will live longer and be cheaper to look after.

The scheme has been drawn up by the county council's Natural Environment team in partnership with Dorset Works Organisation, the council's contracting arm, which will look after the planting.

The garden has been designed to use a wide range of plants and rocks to reflect the county's unique and diverse environment. The choice of species tells a story of the development of plants from the end of the Ice Age right through to today.

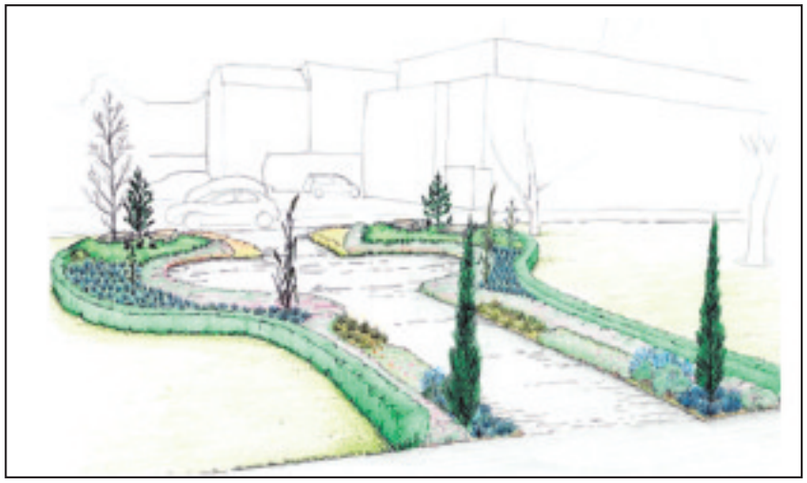
Woodland, heathland, grassland and hedgerows are represented in the scheme, which have all played a major part in shaping the economic, social and environmental landscape of Dorset.

Rocks, pine, ferns and groundcover juniper will be used to represent the early phase of the 'wildwood'. Butcher's Broom and spurge reflect further development of the mixed woodland as the climate warmed. Box and fennel were introduced by the Romans and box hedging also represents the later human development of the landscape of Dorset. Fescue grasses indicate the gradual shift to agriculture from wildwood as it was cleared for farming. Arable weeds such as Mullein appeared in the landscape, while herbaceous species such as Dianthus increased among the remaining woodland edges.

Finally, lavender and juniper represent the types of Mediterranean plants that may become more common as the climate changes and Miscanthus may also be seen more in the future as a bio-fuel energy crop. Anemone and Crocosmia represent common introduced garden plants from around the world.

Anjana Ford, Jurassic Coast education coordinator, said: "The new sustainable garden at County Hall will add an extra dimension for schools visiting the Roman Town House, which is located within the council grounds. Some of the plants used in the garden, such as fennel and box hedge, were introduced by the Romans and would have been used in day to day household life.

"Schools will be encouraged to explore the different plants in the garden within the context of Roman life through a dedicated learning pack, which will bring their visit to life."



District council staff raise £636 for Breast Cancer Campaign

STAFF at West Dorset District Council have raised £636.96 for the Breast Cancer Campaign.

Workers wore pink jewellery, cerise scarves and bright fuschia ties, and also made cakes and organised a raffle to raise funds on 'Wear it Pink Day', the campaign's annual fundraising event.

Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "I'm very pleased that our staff were able to get together to raise money for this excellent cause.

"Everyone was invited to wear something pink and donate £2.

"I would also like to thank everyone who gave raffle prizes, baked cakes and made donations. I am delighted that so much money was raised."

Staff dressed up in all shades of pink and baked more than 150 cupcakes, which were sold during the fundraising event on October 23rd.

District council staff joined in at tourist information centres and district offices across West Dorset. Every year 41,000 women and 290 men are diagnosed with breast cancer.

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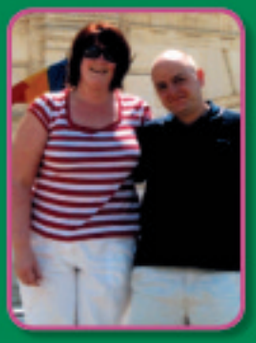

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Dorset Food&Drink

Award winning chef MARK HIX writes for the *View*

Fish fingers worth that extra effort ...

POPULar with kids and adults - Haddock fish fingers
Image courtesy of British Seasonal Food by Mark Hix, published by Quadrille, rrp £25. Photos by Jason Lowe

Haddock fish fingers serves 4

THIS dish is of course a bit more labour-intensive than reaching into the freezerbut well worth the extra effort.

We know that kids love them, and grown-ups too and interesting whether they detect the difference in the real from the faux.

Serve these with tartare sauce and classic mushy peas or a simple salad and chips and I'll let you into a little submission a bag of frozen peas can be blended to a coarse puree to make posh pea puree.

You can use pollack for this or any other firm white fish.

500g haddock fillet, skinned, boned and cut into 8cm x 2cm fingers
flour for dusting
1 large egg, beaten
100g fresh white breadcrumbs
vegetable or corn oil for frying

Season the pieces of haddock with salt and pepper. Spread the flour in one shallow dish, put the beaten egg in another and the breadcrumbs in a third. Coat the pieces of fish first in the flour, then the egg and finally the breadcrumbs.

Heat a generous amount of oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan and cook the fish fingers for about 2 minutes on each side, until nicely browned. Drain on some kitchen paper and serve.

Creamed Arbroath smokies with soft-boiled duck egg serves 4

ARBROATH smokies are not as popular as the once were and in my eyes need a bit of a revival.

I think along with kippers they probably just drifted out of vogue maybe because home cooks didn't want there kitchen stinking or maybe the bones.

If you cant get Arbroath smokies then just poach and lightly flake some smoked Finnan haddock. Serve with soldiers of toast as a breakfast dish or a starter.

2 arbroath smokies or about 500g smoked haddock, skinned and boned
1 leek, halved, finely shredded and washed
a couple of good knobs of butter
250–300ml double cream
4 duck's eggs
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Remove the skin from the smokies then remove the flesh from the bones, double checking you haven't left any in. If your using smoked haddock then poach it in milk or water for 3–4 minutes, drain and break up the flesh.

Gently cook the leeks in the butter for 3–4 minutes until soft then ad the cream and smokies. Season lightly and simmer until the cream has reduced and just coating the fish. Check the seasoning and re season if necessary.

Meanwhile soft boil the ducks eggs by carefully placing in simmering water for five minutes then refreshing in cold water for a minute so its cool enough to handle. Carefully peel and either serve whole on the creamed smokie or cut it in half.

with foodies in mind ...

Rave reviews for Wild Garlic

MASTERCHEF winner Mat Follas's restaurant has won its second outstanding review in as many months. The Wild Garlic in Beaminster scored near-perfect marks in the respected monthly food magazine Olive.

His overall mark of 56 out of a possible 60 beat well known names such as Richard Corrigan whose Mayfair restaurant, in London, scored 48 points and Hugh Fearnley- Whittingstall's River Cottage Canteen in Axminster which scored 44.

By chance one of the two Olive critics in the Pro vs Punter column was Gregg Wallace (pictured with Matt), a judge on the BBC's MasterChef competition, however the former greengrocer turned cookery writer did not let on why he was really there.

In his verdict given in the December issue he wrote: "The Wild garlic is buzzy and busy, a fun place serving good, honest food. The wine list is full of real bargains, too. The food, although well prepared, could be a little smarter. If this was MasterChef I'd say Mat needs to work on his presentation."

The second critic, the punter, was Dorset foodie Jane Colston, who gave the Beaminster restaurant top marks for food, atmosphere and service.

She wrote: "We left feeling like old friends and valued customers. The Wild Garlic is comfortable, welcoming and informal place to meet friends and enjoy well cooked, beautifully presented food at very fair prices."

Mat, who only took up professional cooking when he opened the restaurant six months ago, said he was overwhelmed by the praise.

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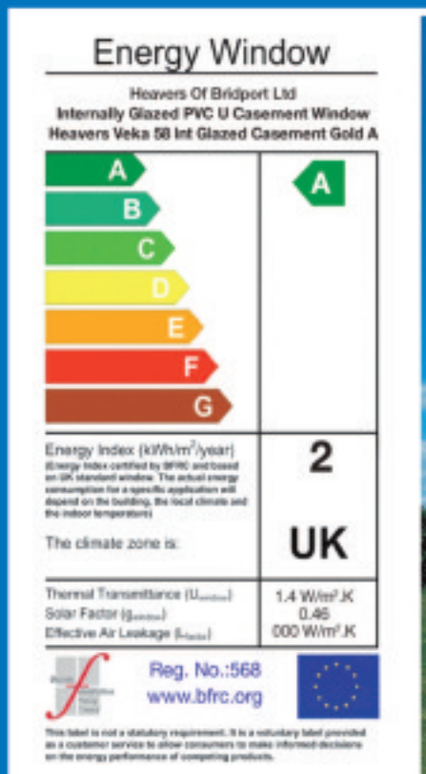

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'It was just what you had to do'

FOLLOWING Remembrance parades and Armistice tributes throughout the district one WWII veteran - GEORGE GLOVER - talks to grandson, View reporter TOM GLOVER

It was the early hours of the morning as driver George Glover unloaded his final few Jerry cans at a fuel depot in an unknown area of France.

As he turned to get back in to the cab, he was confronted by two German soldiers just feet away from him. Unarmed and with a Tommy Gun pointing straight at them, he turned to his driving partner. "What are we going to do now?" asked his friend. "I don't know they're the ones with the gun," George said.

His friend decided to take a chance and wrestled the gun from the German officer and they marched them back to their base.

The two German officers turned out to be Polish deserters who had been forced to fight.

This, said George, was one of the most frightening times he had during the war but it was one of many close shaves.

Due to the nature of his job as an apprentice compositor George was exempt from a call up to the army for 12 months.

Having registered at 17, it wasn't until he was replaced in his job after a year that he was called up into the Royal Army Service Corps.

His papers came through on February, 12th 1942 when he was just 19.

George was posted to the number one training Battalion in Bournemouth where he did his drill, footwork and driving training.

During his training George picked up his first war injury, which survives to this day.

"I damaged my hearing during training on the range. Five or six others had fired the gun before me and now it was my turn. The first round I fired the whole lot blew up.

"The magazine came out, the bolt came out and I couldn't hear a thing. I went to the Medical Officer who told me it would come back in about two or three days.

"It didn't get any better all through the war years but I never did anything about until 20 years ago. I had it checked out by Vauxhall who I worked for in Luton and they had told me the deafness had been caused by the blast. "When I moved here I went to the ministry about it and they sent someone down to have a look. A nurse came and checked my hearing and then I had a letter to say that I had been awarded a pension for it, which I should have had when I came out the army.

"Anyway they said I would be awarded a pension and it would be backdated to when it should have started. It worked out at £21 a week so I got about £1,000."

George was posted to Donnington and then Bradford before the newly formed 516 company for the D-Day Invasion.

George collected his vehicle from Glasgow and was then posted to Walton-on-the-Naize. He first stepped on foreign land on D-Day plus two.

"Nobody realised how big the Normandy landings were going to be. When we got our marching orders we went off to Southampton and we laid there until we got the orders that we had to go forward."

George was not able to enter the compound at Southampton as he had to stay outside with his vehicle.

On D-Day plus two he drove his vehicle onto a landing ship tanks and then spent nine hours at sea as they travelled to Normandy where he landed at Juno beach.

After arriving at Normandy George almost found himself driving straight into the hands of the enemy.

"We got inside Courselles and then our convoy stopped, or at least I thought it had stopped. The lorry in front of me had broken down but I couldn't see past it.

"I got out to have a look and a dispatch rider came up and he told me to go on. I pulled round him and went off and we came to a junction. There was a Canadian Military Police Officer there who waved me on.

"We got about half a mile down the road and we saw these two soldiers sitting in the hedge with a Vickers machine gun. I asked them if a convoy had come past and we were looking for number one line of communications.

"He said 'if you go up there a bit further you'll be in number one line of communications because Jerry's up there'."

While spending such a long time away from home, receiving a letter was something George always looked forward to.

He was out on detachment at a coal depot on the outskirts of Brunswick where once a week a driver would come and deliver the mail. Having gone six weeks without receiving a letter George felt something was up and asked the driver if he could go back with him to the depot.

" It was only four or five miles down the road.

We got in the motor and this old fat woman got in next to me. There were three of us in the cab with me wedged in the middle. There were all these young German lads on the back as well who lived in Brunswick and worked with us at the coal depot.

"We were driving along and we got stuck behind a horse and cart. There was traffic coming the other way so the driver tried overtaking on the nearside of it but as he did the bank gave way.

"The motor went down the bank and I was stuck with this woman on top of me and she was a big lady."

He managed to push his way out and get clear of the vehicle, his biggest worry was the lorry catching alight.

After checking no-one was hurt George managed to get to the roadside and thumb a lift to Brunswick with a passing car.

"When I got into the camp I told them what had happened and they sent a motor out to tow the van back and then to top it all off, when I got the post and I had no letters at all!"

George had a few lucky escapes but there were many who weren't so lucky.

George was asleep in his lorry one day in Normandy while he was loaded up with ammo. When he was ready to leave someone told him that one of the guys loading the lorry was his neighbour from back home. George decided to try and find him a couple of days later when he returned.

"When I came back after delivering my ammo, I spoke to my officer and he said I could go up to see if could see him. When I got there they told me he was killed the night before. Four of them went up to lay a smokescreen and a shell landed between them and killed the lot of them.

"I found out afterwards that the day before he got killed he was speaking to his brother in the next village from where he was stationed, so at least he saw his brother before he got killed."

George was a month shy of being de-mobbed when he was given compassionate leave.

George was one of five brothers, four of which served in the war. George's brother John had spent four years in a prisoner of war camp before being re-patriated due to illness.

"The story was that he was hit round the head with a rifle butt while he was being marched to Germany.

"He spent nearly four years in hospital in Germany and he was 20 years in hospital when he came out."

George returned to Normandy in 2004 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

He was given a heroe's welcome but is very humble about what he did.

"I think you have to be proud of what you did over there but at the time you just took it in your stride. I didn't even think about it, it was just what you had to do," he said.

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A surperb detached, five-bedroom house. The property occupies an imposing corner site, with panoramic views of the coastline embracing Golden Cap, Stonebarrow and Portland on the horizon, and with inland views towards the Vale of Marshwood.

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CHARMOUTH - £695 PCM

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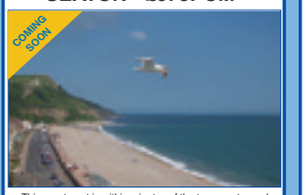

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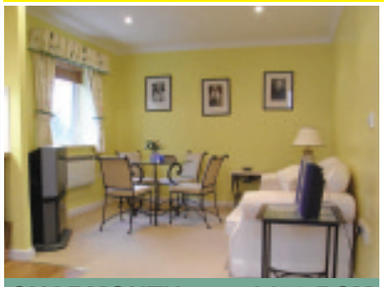

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- Master bedroom
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- Bathroom
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- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- WC
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- Garage and parking

UPLYME - £249,950

- Porch
- Sitting room
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- Kitchen
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- Coal store
- Garage
- Parking
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- Coal-fired central heating

UPLYME - £425,000

- Sitting room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Cloakroom
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- 3 further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

UPLYME - £675,000

- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Study
- Kitchen
- Utility
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- Three Further Bedrooms One With Ensuite
- Two Family Bathrooms
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UPLYME - £347,500

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- Kitchen/breakfast room
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- Bathroom
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CHARMOUTH - £245,000

immaculately presented and spacious first floor period apartment, with lift, parking and garage

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- Lounge
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- Bathroom
- Garage
- Parking

CHARMOUTH - £279,950

Immaculately presented modern Two Bedroom end of terraced house, extended and improved

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- Cloakroom
- Utility
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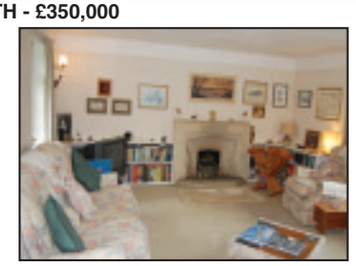
CHARMOUTH - £350,000



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- Bathroom
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CHARMOUTH - £349,500

A refurbished 3 bed property with enclosed gardens and garage

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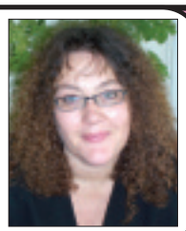

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BRIDPORT

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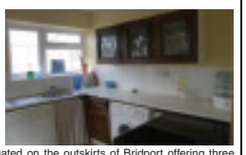
BRIDPORT



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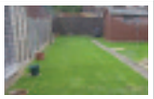

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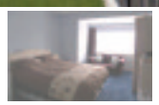

Detached bungalow situated in a commanding position over looking West Bay with views towards East Cliff. Out building that has planning permission to demolish chalet and erect single storey extension.

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Their 'Light up a Light' service provides individuals or families with the opportunity to reflect and remember someone special whilst providing funds for the trust to provide vital support to patients and their families in their time of need.

Open air services will be held around the trees in Dorchester, Weymouth, Sherborne and Gillingham as well as a service in Lyme Regis on the following dates:

Tuesday November 24th – Brewers Quay, Weymouth

Tuesday December 1st – Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester

Wednesday December 2nd – Castle Gardens Garden Centre, Sherborne

Thursday December 3rd – Orchard Park Garden Centre, Gillingham

Sunday December 20th – Lyme Regis a prayer of remembrance and dedication 4pm

The lights will be first illuminated at special "Lighting Up Carol Services" and remain lit until early January.

A spokesperson for the Trust said: "Christmas is one of those special times when we remember those who are dear to us but have sadly died. Our "Light up a Life" services provide you and your family with the opportunity to reflect and remember someone special."

A minimum donation of £5 per person remembered is requested and all dedications will be acknowledged with a special card and all names will be recorded in our 2009 Book of Remembrance. Application forms are available from Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, Joseph Weld Hospice, Herringston Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2SL or may dedicate lights on line by going to:

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Dorchester Youth Jazz Orchestra

▲ DYJO1 – SWINGING: The DYJO in action at the Swanage Jazz Festival in July

JAZZ lovers will be delighted to hear that the talented Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra will be making a welcome return to St. Mary's Church ,Beaminster for an exciting concert this Saturday, November 21st at7pm.

This performance, generously sponsored by the Brit Valley Rotary Club, will be given in aid of the Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians and the Friends of St.Mary's Church, Beaminster.

Since its formation in 1994, the Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra has gone from strength to strength under the direction of Laurie Payne. Their wide ranging repertoire features Big Band orchestrations covering sixty years of jazz history from Armstrong, Ellington, Basie, Goodman, Brubeck, Davis and Parker to contemporary music from Beach, Nestico and Tomaro .Original and modern arrangements of swing, bebop, latin, traditional, rock and funk styles of music give members an insight into the jazz world .

In recent years DYJO has developed close links with France, performed at the Swanage Jazz Festival, the Lighthouse, Poole and at the Royal Albert Hall in Dorset Live 2005 and Dorset Rocks 2008. The band has also received expert tuition from Steve Waterman, the acclaimed jazz trumpeter and composer, and had the opportunity to perform with him.

The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians was set up in 2001 with the aim of supporting and encouraging young people up to the age of 21 years in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in a wide variety of musical studies and interests. The Trust subsidises the cost of music lessons and music courses or contributes towards the purchase of expensive instruments. The terms of the Trust make it applicable to the whole spectrum of young musicians.

The Friends of St.Mary's Church, Beaminster were founded in 2000 to support the Parochial Church Council in the maintenance and enhancement of Beaminster's historic church. Their aim is to enable the community at large to use and enjoy the lovely medieval building. Tickets for this concert which starts at 7pm are £8 for adults, £3 for under 16 years and are available from Bridport Music in South Street, Bridport, the Church Office, Hogshill Street, Beaminster or Symonds and Sampson, Beaminster.

Beaminster Christmas Farmers Market and Christmas Craft Fair

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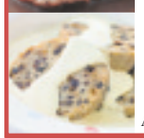

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BRIDPORT: Philomena Harmsworth and Prudence Heward-Morgan. Open studios to coinside with Dorset Literary festival. Top Floor, St. Micheal's Studios, St. Micheal's Trading Estate, Bridport DT6 3RR. Open Mon 16th- Sat 21st 9.30-2.30

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
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LYME REGIS: Quiz Night at The Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis at 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Regis Majorettes.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST
BEAMINSTER: Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra at St Mary's Church from 7pm. In aid of Richard Ely Trust for young Musicians and the Friends of St Mary's Church. Tickets £8 for adults, £3 for under 18s from Bridport Music or Church Office, Hogshill Street. Telephone 01308 456297 for more details.
BOTHENHAMPTON: Bothenhampton Village Hall are showing the film 'Mamma Mia (PG). 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm). Tickets and information from Pennie 458006 or Ray 423071. Tickets £4 for members of film club, £5 for everybody else.
LYME REGIS: Festive auction at the Ship Inn, Lyme Regis, in aid of St Michael's primary School, 8 pm.
WEYMOUTH: Inner Wheel club of Weymouth Christmas fayre. 10am- midday. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane,Weymouth

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
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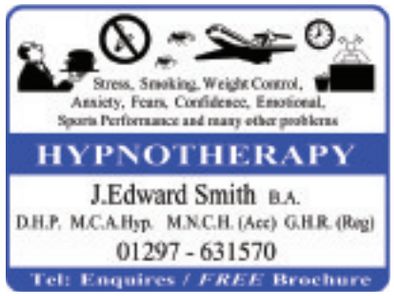

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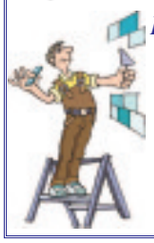

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Can Brit-built Astra make it two COTYs in a row for Vauxhall?

NEW Astra nominated for Car of the Year shortlist just one month before hitting UK dealers

One year after collecting the 2009 European Car of the Year award for Vauxhall, the Insignia may now be handing the mantle to the all-new Astra, which is on a short list of cars to take the honour for 2010.

The Astra is one of seven cars to have been chosen from a field of 33 cars new to the market. A jury of 59 top automotive journalists from 23 countries placed the Astra on a shortlist of seven cars, and will announce this year's winner on November 30.

"We all have our fingers crossed here at Luton," said Andy Gilson, Vauxhall's Marketing Director. "The Insignia's year as a COTY holder has been hugely successful, with it beating all our sales projections. The Astra's place on the 2010 shortlist proves that Vauxhall can consistently hit the mark for design, comfort, safety, driving pleasure, and many other criteria the shortlisted cars will be judged on."

In fact, the Astra has won COTY once before, in 1985 for the Mk. 2 model. Vauxhall followed up with another win two years later for the Omega, and then again in 2009 with the Insignia, which has gone on to become the UK's biggest selling mid-size car, with sales in excess of 38,000 since its launch last January.

The Astra is produced at Ellesmere Port, the tenth Vauxhall compact-class car to be built in the Cheshire plant since 1964. The UK is General Motors' biggest European market, and its fourth largest globally; it is also the dominant market in Europe for both the Astra and Insignia

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TOYOTA LAUNCHES THE ALL-NEW LAND CRUISER

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The Toyota Land Cruiser has built a formidable reputation around the world for its ability to take even the most extreme conditions in its stride. From arid deserts to polar wastes, Land Cruiser has demonstrated its unrivalled toughness and durability in a heritage that spans six decades.

This background of achievement makes the launch of an all-new Land Cruiser a particularly significant event and Toyota has wasted no effort to ensure its new model builds on the pedigree of its ancestors. It is equipped with a raft of new and advanced handling and driver assistance systems that take its off-road capabilities to new heights. At the same time, it has been engineered for greater poise, comfort and performance when driving on-road.

In the UK new Land Cruiser is offered as a five-door model powered by a revised 171bhp 3.0-litre D-4D engine, matched to a five-speed automatic transmission. Three equipment grades are offered – LC3, LC4 and LC5 – with seven seats fitted as standard on all but the entry level version (on which third row seats are an option). Customer orders are being taken now with first deliveries from early December. On-the-road prices range from £29,795 to £44,795.

The new Land Cruiser is only slightly larger than its predecessor, which helps maintain its off-road agility. The styling combines the model's traditionally robust looks with styling cues that were first introduced on the larger Land Cruiser V8.

Intelligent interior packaging provides more space inside the cabin, with Toyota EasyFlat third row seats that can be raised of folded flat at the touch of a button (LC4 and LC5 models). The usable loadspace has been significantly increased and a new rear glass hatch allows items to be loaded without having to open the full side-hinged tailgate – ideal for tight parking places.

Toyota has retained the body-on-frame construction that has always been an integral part of Land Cruiser's exceptional off-road ability. Careful attention to the suspension design and NVH measures ensure high standards of on-road ride, handling and comfort are maintained.

New Land Cruiser introduces a series of advanced but user friendly features that help the driver tackle even the most challenging routes. These include: -

Electrically modulated Kinetic Dynamic Suspension System (KDSS), which minimises body roll and gives positive steering on-road, and increases wheel articulation off-road.

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Equipment highlights

There is nothing spartan about life on board the new Land Cruiser. 17-inch alloys, roof rails, fog lamps, climate control, cruise control, Bluetooth and Smart Entry and Start system are all part of the LC3 specification.

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Škoda Auto Begins Production Of Superb Estate

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The most luxurious estate car yet to wear the Škoda badge offers a class-leading load volume of up to 1,865 litres (633 litres with the rear seats up). A choice of three petrol and three diesel engines will be available in the Superb Estate, plus manual and DSG transmissions – the same engine range as is available in the Superb hatch (launched September 2008).

The Superb Estate is 4,838 mm long, 1,817 wide and 1,510 high – comfortably the most spacious and practical car in the upper-medium segment. In keeping with Škoda's tradition of offering great value for money, the estate has a number of new optional features, including a keyless entry and ignition system and a revised version of the hatchback's award-winning Park Assist system that allows the estate to parallel park in an even tighter space than before. An electronically operated boot opening and panoramic sunroof are also available.

Since its launch in 2008 the Superb hatch has found over 3,000 homes in the UK (up to October 2009). Worldwide, Škoda has delivered 33,434 Superbs to customers from January through to October this year - 78% more than it had sold over the same period of the previous year.

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Avalon Swim meet

CHARD and District Swimming Club participated in the Avalon Meet on 24th-25th October 2009, held at Millfield Pool *writes Steph Hallam*. Once again, it was a successful meet not only with the club winning top visiting trophy for their efforts but some impressive individual performances, especially from the local swimmers from this area.

Jack Fish, 16, gained a South West Region Qualifying Time in the 50m butterfly event with a time of 28.76. He also obtained South West Region consideration times in the 50m freestyle (26.14) and 200m freestyle (2.08.49).

Jake Hallam and Luke van den Barselaar, both 13, also obtained their South West Region Qualifying Times. Jake won the 100m Butterfly event 1.07.38; his winning success continued in the 200m butterfly, 200m breaststroke and he achieved 2nd position in the 200m freestyle. Whilst Luke achieved his time in the 100m backstroke: 1.10.34. He also won the 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 50m freestyle. He secured a 2nd in the 100m freestyle; 3rd in the 200m freestyle and 4th in the 50m breaststroke.

Abigail Dare, 12, came lst in the 50m backstroke, 3rd in the 200m individual medley and 100m butterfly, 4th in the 200m backstroke and 6th in the 100m backstroke whilst Saskia Osborne, 16, won her 50m backstroke event, coming 2nd in the 100m backstroke and finishing 4th in the 50m butterfly.

Other Chard & District swimmers achieving top six positions/medals were:-

Jamie Pullinger, 11, came 3rd in the 50m backstroke and 100m breaststroke; 4th in the 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 100m and 200m backstroke and 200m IM, and 5th in the 50m freestyle. Elsie Emery, 11, came 6th in the 200m freestyle.

Hannah Pullinger, 13, came 2nd in the 50m and 100m breaststroke; 3rd in the 50m freestyle; 4th in 100m and 200m freestyle and 50m backstroke; 5th in the 100m backstroke and 6th in the 200 IM. Ben Fowler, 13, came 2nd in the 100m backstroke; 4th in the 100m freestyle, and 6th in the 200m freestyle. Laura Coombs, 14, came 5th in the 100m butterfly.

In the 15 years and over, Jess Harrington came 5th in the 100m backstroke.

Other swimmers participating: Charlie Kendall, Jade Hawkins, Marsha Emery, Susan Ross, Jay Kindred, Nathan Roberts, Mollie Simpson, Jake Harvey, Jenna Emery, and Steph Hallam.

◆ Swimmers of Chard & District Swimming who are pictured with Top Visiting club Trophy at the end of the weekend.

Amy takes title

AMY NICHOLSON who joined Bridport Tennis Club last year is the new ladies singles champion. She beat the experienced Caroline Cash in the annual tournament held recently.

The event involved a round robin of two groups with the top two ladies in each group going through to the semi-finals. The first was between Nicholson and Lynn Watts. Whilst Watts was able to match the 13-year old for ground strokes, the consistency of Nicholson won through in the end. The other semi-final between Clare Handford and Cash was a very close encounter with each player producing lots of rallies and varied shots but it was Cash that came through to progress to the final.

The final became a little one sided as Nicholson's consistency and experience in singles was too strong for Cash who was fast around the court, and her accuracy and placement eventually won her the title.

FINALISTS: Champion Amy Nicholson (right) and runner-up Caroline Cash

BRIDPORT SKITTLES

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday November 23rd: **Mens Individuals 1st Round (8 winners each alley)** ***Monday Nov 23rd – Ilchester:*** K Groves; B Robinson; R Pincombe; A Cauldwell; L Dare; H Mills; M Powell; C Barnes; D Cooper; M Gurd; C Dare; M Horton

Wednesday Nov 25th – King Charles: S Lee; B Herbert; C Langdon; J Smith; A Paulley; J Sellick; C Willcox; P Scott; R Paulley; R Frampton; M Willcox; G Brooks,

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB RESULT

Chelsea finally hooks some

TEN members signed on to fish the last Saturday Juniors Match of the year (the Jurassic League Series on November 14th).

All ten competitors managed to catch some fish with many flounders the most popular alongside bass, pollock, pout, rockling and a sand smelt which was only 1 gram under the current club record.

Chelsea Taylor fishing her third junior match proved the adage 'third time lucky' by finally catching some fish which means she will win the Ladies Junior Trophy for 2009.

1st: Craig Horton;
2nd: Steven Rathbone;
3rd: Connor Hallett
Heaviest flat fish: Craig Horton 334g flounder
Heaviest round fish: Connor Hallett 112g bass
Most species: Connor Hallett and Oliver Mears 6 each
Wooden spoon: Sean Taylor
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Best ever result for Dorset swimmers

SIX local youngsters were delighted to secure a coveted place in the Dorset squad to compete in the British Gas sponsored National County Team Championships at Pond's Forge, Sheffield.

Tom Mules, Tom Crew, Tom John and Rebecca Beal of Tornadoes of South Dorset, Rebecca Man of Weymouth SC and Peter Thornton of West Dorset SC all contributed to Dorset's best ever result of 12th place out of 20 in Division One.

This was a remarkable achievement given that their opponents included much bigger counties such as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and combined teams such as Northumberland and Durham, and Berks and South Bucks.

Throughout the competition the Dorset swimmers fought for every point to consolidate last year's promotion to Division One.

"The whole team swam exceptionally well and supported each other enthusiastically," said team manager Sue Smart. "We couldn't take our eyes off the scoreboard as we moved in and out of the relegation places."

In the end it was eleventh, eight and second places in the last three relays which finally secured Division One status.

These results came from the boys' 12-13 yrs medley team with Thornton and Mules doing the backstroke and fly legs, and the girls' 14-15 yrs medley team with Man as anchor in the freestyle finish.

Mules also starred in the final event, the 6x 50m cannon freestyle team which finished in second place.

Mules topped the individual scoring with Dorset's only race win in the 12-13 yrs 100m butterfly in a personal best time and he came second in the 100m freestyle.

Crew, Mules and Man had been selected for the County team in previous years but for Thornton, John and Beal, it was their debut appearance.

Janet Hewitt, head coach at West Dorset commented: "It's fantastic that between them West Dorset, Tornadoes and Weymouth got six of the squad places. The standard is the highest – you have to be the best in the county to get your place. That's a particularly good achievement for swimmers from the smaller clubs.

"We're up against the likes of Bournemouth and Ferndown who have so many more swimmers to draw from

Sheila Short, Hon Secretary of Weymouth SC, agreed that the three local clubs should be proud of their swimmers' performances while Tornadoes' Chairman, Kelvin Dawe, added his congratulations to the individual swimmers for their selection to the team and their contribution to its achievement.

WINNER | Tom Mules

Team Theme 5-a-side
Success for Salway Ash

SALWAY Ash Primary School won Team Theme's autumn annual 5 a-aside football competition held at St Mary's School, Bridport without conceding a goal in open play.

They met Bridport St Mary's in the final and in a very tight entertaining encounter came through 2-0 winners with goals from Nathan Rollett and Finn Purchase to lift the first trophy of the season.

The win was dedicated to their team member Jake Rowland who unfortunately broke his wrist during the earlier stages of the tournament.

Salway Ash coach Matt Read said: "Salway Ash would like to thank the members of Team Theme and the medical staff who dealt brilliantly with the unfortunate injury to Jake'.

Team Theme Head Coach Lee Cuff said: "It was the largest and best tournament to date with 20 local primary school teams entering. The standard of football was great and it shows there is a lot of promising local talent coming through primary schools in the area.

"I am now looking forward to the tournament held at Easter."

CHAMPS: The Salway Ash team (back, left to right) Forrest Townsend, Fin Purchase, Max Purchase, Kieran Park. (front) Sam Sherring, Nathan Rollett

■ SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF ■

HOCKEY: The Weymouth Hockey Club star has just helped England over 55s lift the International Masters Trophy in Hong Kong. They secured the silverware with an extra time victory over old rivals Australia in the final.

Metcalfe and his team mates began the tournament in style with a 4-1 success over hosts, Hong Kong with the Seasider then finding the target as England beat Korea in their next encounter.

They then draw 1-1 with the Aussies before seeing off Hong Kong in the semi-finals 3-0.

The final was a nail-biter with the sides deadlocked at 1-1 come the final whistle. That saw the match go into overtime with England grabbing the all-important golden goal.

Metcalfe said: "It was a great privilege to play for my country and to win the tournament was fantastic.

""It was a brilliant occasion and I'd like to thank Weymouth Hockey Club for their sponsorship towards me going to Hong Kong."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Great Britain setter Jo Morgan has joined Dorset side, Wessex.

The Scottish star joins British team-mate Vicky Palmer and GB beach volleyball regular, Denise Johns, on the south coast.

Coach Ian Loke said Morgan's arrival was "great news" while the setter said she "was delighted" with the move.

EQUESTRIAN: Three Dorset girls have been selected for the South West Regional Foundation Equestrian squad.

Philly Roberts, Rosie Fry and Holly Neil are among the cream of young riders in the country.

The squad, funded by Sport England, will undergo intense specialist training in the three Olympic disciplines – dressage, show jumping and eventing.

LYME REGIS DARTS

RESULTS from Thursday, November 12th: Division One - Nags Head B 3 Lamb B 5, Nags Z 2 Nags Head A 6. Division Two: Royal Oak 0 Rubber JOhns 6, Young Guns +1 7 George B 1.

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A	5	5	0	0	34	6	10
Rousdon Club	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
George A	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
Nags Z	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Rockpoint A	3	1	1	1	11	13	3
Lamb A	4	0	1	3	11	21	1
Nags Head B	5	0	0	5	6	34	0

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Talbot Arms	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Royal Standard	4	2	1	1	23	9	5
Rubber Johns	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Young Guns +1	3	1	2	0	15	9	4
George B	4	1	0	3	9	23	2
Royal Oak	5	0	1	4	7	33	1

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Terry Prowse 4, Highest shot-out: John Hamon 142.

LYME REGIS SKITTLES

RESULTS for week ending Friday, November 6th.

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LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

RESULTS : New Inn Kilmington 3 Rocky II 2, Axminster Cons 3 Royal Flunkies 2, Axe Vale Club 3 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axe Valiants 3, Beer Club 4 Stepps 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis - bye.

Table	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Axe Vale	9	7	2	29	16	29
Nags Head LR	9	7	2	29	16	29
Axm Cons	9	7	2	27	18	27
Lamb Swans	9	6	3	27	18	27
Axe Valiants	9	5	4	24	21	24
Ship Inn LR	10	5	5	24	26	24
Beer Club	9	4	5	23	22	23
New Inn Kilm	9	3	6	22	23	22
Royal Flunkies	9	2	7	17	28	17
Rocky II	9	2	7	15	30	15
Stepps	9	2	7	13	32	13

BEER LEAGUE : New Inn Kilmington 1 Rocky II 2, Axminster Cons 2 Royal Flunkies 1, Axe Vale Club 2 Lamb Swans 1, Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axe Valiants 1, Beer Club 2 Stepps 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis - bye.

Beer League	P	W	L	F	APts
Ship LR	10	9	1	21	9 21
Lamb Swans	9	6	3	17	10 17
Royal Flunkies	9	5	4	15	12 15
Beer Club	9	5	4	14	13 14
Axe Vale Club	9	4	5	13	14 13
Axe Valiants	9	4	5	13	14 13
Nags Head LR	9	4	5	13	14 13
New Inn Kilm	9	4	5	13	14 13
Axm Cons	9	3	6	10	17 10
Rocky II	9	2	7	8	19 8

● **Fixtures - Monday, November 23rd**: Semi-finals and Final of the Knock-Out Cup - To be played at Stepps, the draw takes place at 7.30pm.

Teams involved are; Axe Vale Club, Ship Inn Lyme Regis, Nags Head Lyme Regis and Lamb Swans.

Lyme Regis Pool League

Results, November 8th: Pots Nots 5 Kelly's Muppets 4, Old Cobbies 5 Hunters Munters 4, Beer Tricks Potters 5 Hat Tricks 4.

	Pld	W	L	Pts	Beer
OLD COBBIES	5	5	0	32	25
HAT TRICKS	5	3	2	29	19
POT NOTS	5	4	1	27	16
HUNTERS MUNTERS	5	2	3	22	12
KELLY'S MUPPETS	6	1	5	21	12
BEER TRICKS POTTERS	5	3	2	20	10
BROTHERHOODS	5	0	5	11	7

VITAL WIN LIFTS TERRAS

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0 WEYMOUTH 1
Blue Square South - Attendance: 507

A DARK week in Weymouth's proud history ended on a high with a first Blue Square South away victory of the season.

Talk of administration and liquidation was shelved for 90 minutes as Ian Hutchinson's men did themselves and their supporters proud at Bishop's Stortford.

But in fairness, it wasn't a great surprise with the Terras having improved immensely over the past month.

Once the league's whipping boys - Weymouth were beaten 6-2 by their opponents at the View From Stadium back in August - Hutchinson has now instilled a new found belief in his players that defies the club's off-field struggles.

But what was remarkable about the win was that it came just days after the boss revealed that neither he nor his squad had been paid for the past six weeks.

Despite that, the Terras remain committed to the cause and turned in the sort of performance that is bound to impress any potential investors.

It was the hosts who started brightly on a soggy Woodside Park surface, although the swirling wind was to play havoc all afternoon, but the visitors weathered that early storm with some stout defending and some help from the woodwork.

And once they settled, Weymouth began to hold their own and took the lead on 17 minutes through Jake Reid.

Stortford keeper and skipper Nicky Eyre misjudged the conditions as he came out to punch clear when Terras striker Josh Llewellyn broke forward.

Llewellyn took the ball onto the byline and then rolled it across the face of the goal as Eyre struggled to get back and strike partner Reid had the easiest of tap-ins from virtually on the goal-line.

Stortford huffed and puffed for the remainder of the half but most of their forward efforts were either thwarted by the wind or dealt with in direct fashion by the visiting defence.

Again the hosts enjoyed the lion's share of possession in the second period but the weather held them back time and time again.

One player who failed to adapt to the conditions was the Blues' star striker Charlie Sheringham, who'd struck four of those goals in Dorset three months earlier.

Glen Southam wasted one decent chance on the hour for Bishop's and then Roy Essandoh was just inches wide with a flying header.

But there was to be no way through for the hosts and it was the Terras who held on to record a valuable success.

CHIPPENHAM TOWN FC LADIES 1
WEYMOUTH FC LADIES 3

IN their latest game in the South West Women's Football League Premier Division Weymouth FC Ladies visited Hardenhuish Park on Sunday in search of their fourth consecutive league victory.

Missing Lisa Youd and Amy Douch from the regular squad the Terras welcomed back long term injury victim Steph Ashton and one of last season's defensive lynchpins Carla Garth.

The opening exchanges with Weymouth playing up the slope proved to be very equal, but despite the Terras beginning to get the ascendency and create chances the first half closed goalless.

On the hour mark Weymouth got the breakthrough they deserved when Georgia Rogers picked up the ball 25 yards from goal and her swerving shot deceived the Chippenham keeper. Ten minutes later she added a second when she lobbed the keeper from the same distance, this time with her left foot.

Sporadic Chippenham attacks were being handled easily by the Weymouth defence and it came as a total surprise when they pulled a goal back with 15 minutes remaining.

However Weymouth were not to be denied and they got the third and clinching goal after a clinical passing move saw Rosie Sharpe coolly finish at the far post.

Manger Tim Davis commented "I am delighted with the way the girls played and we thoroughly deserved our victory against a very well organised and physical Chippenham team. We are on a great run at the moment and are looking forward to our next match which is against the league leaders Larkhall at the Wessex stadium on Sunday November 29th."

WEYMOUTH SAILING

International award for academy

WEYMOUTHand Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) chief executive, John Tweed, has collected an acclaimed International Architecture Award on behalf of the facility.

The award ceremony formed part of the 21st IAKS Congress in conjunction with FSB – International Trade Fair for Amenity Areas, Sports and Pool Facilities in Cologne.

The International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS), the only organisation for sports facilities recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) announced that the WPNSA had been awarded the 'IPC/IAKS Distinction for Accessibility 2009'.

The successful awards programme has been running for 20 years and now includes the most important globally recognised architectural award for sport and leisure facilities. During 2009 these unique awards attracted entries from 14 different countries with 54 entries being received for the 'IPC/IAKS Distinction Award'.

The award is aimed at increasing the accessibility of all sports facilities and architectural projects in order to give opportunities to persons with disability to practise and view sport freely and without barriers.

Fully inclusive access to the venue was a huge influence in the development of the purpose built WPNSA facilities, with disabled access hoists on the pontoons providing the safest access to tidal waters for people with disabilities anywhere in the UK.

WPNSA won the distinguished award alongside other prestigious international sports venues including; the Beijing Olympic Stadium - China, La Molina Ski Resort – Spain, Moscow Region Speed Skating Center Kolomna, Colomna – Russia and The National Tennis Centre, London – UK.

Mr Tweed said: "I am very honoured to have collected this prestigious award on behalf of that the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and Faulkner Brown Architects.

"It is a delight that the Academy has been chosen to receive this architectural award recognised globally by the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee.

"We hold accessibility for persons with disabilities to our venue extremely highly as everyone who wishes to experience a water based sport should feel free to do so without barriers."

OLYMPICS 2012 BUILD-UP

Chiefs wary of weather

OLYMPIC chiefs are determined that they will not to be beaten by the British weather.

They are aiming to minimise disruption to the 2012 Games by appointing a team of expert forecasters.

The Met Office will spend the next two years studying the "micro climate" of venues for 26 sports and advise organisers on timing.

During the Games they will provide minute-by-minute updates from a command centre in the Olympic Park.

Their forecasts will be critical to sailing in Weymouth, rowing at Eton Dorney, tennis at Wimbledon and archery at Lord's - events that will be vulnerable to changing weather patterns.

Director of sport, Debbie Jevans, said: "The weather has a direct bearing on a number of sports where detailed forecasts will help us ensure the events will run smoothly."

Bridport Squash & Racketball

PURBECK 16pts BRIDPORT 6pts

BRIDORT squash first team's latest match was always going to be a difficult encounter away to Purbeck and so it proved.

The omens looked good when Jol Maclean Wood took on Martin Elford, formerly of Canford. Even in the knock up Martin looked to be sweating profusely and after a tight first game in which Jol hung on to win by the closest of margins, the Bridport number 5 put the gloss on his performance by storming through the next two in double quick time. This was Jol's best performance of the season so far, taking the match 10-9, 9-0, 9-5.

The dapper and immaculately dressed skipper Mark Trafford was pitched against Andy Baczala for the second time in less than a month. It was Mark who scotched the idea of paying fines if any of the team lost a game 9-0, which was just as well as it was exactly the same opening score as his previous encounter with Baczala.

In the second game, the Bridport number 2 began to find his wings and fly around the court. However at 6-6 a couple of crucial mistakes ultimately proved costly. His 9-0, 9-6, 9-4 defeat proved very similar to his previous match with Andy.

At number 1, Mike Taylor had the pleasure of tackling Peter Baczala, probably the best number one in the league. This was always going to be a difficult task for Taylor, who was manoeuvred to all four corners of the court by the talented Purbeck player, and matters were not helped by him failing to get good starts in each game, trailing 4-0 in all three, before managing to get his game into groove. It was always an uphill battle however with Taylor going down 9-6, 9-2, 9-4.

The number 4 strings turned out to be the battle of the leisure centre managers. Nick Neale for Bridport and Terry Peterson for Purbeck. Portly Peterson held his own in the first game, but from there on Neale's speed around the court left his opponent floundering and leading 2-1 and match ball at 8-5 in the fourth looked to have the match won and another routine win. However, squash is a funny game and he tinned an easy backhand cross court volley to let his opponent in. From there on he switched off and found himself trailing 5-0 in the final game. Neale's quest to attack from then on proved the winning formula and he took the final game with relative ease, winning 5-9, 9-3, 9-7, 8-10, 9-6.

The hope that Simon Wood would crown the evening with a victory against Clive Churchill having filled the cavity at number three, proved a bridge too far.

In fairness, Clive played well above expectations and the Bridport player could not scale the heights against his polished opponent. Not the best of first games for Simon, who never injected his usual retrieving style.

A disappointed Simon reflected on what might have been in the third game having pulled back well. The gallery were just left numb. Perhaps he needs to visit the court more often in order to get in more practice, instead of just playing from match to match.

It is hoped that Bridport will get back on track in their next match, in the cup at home to Weymouth. A welcome relief from the rigours of the league.

Caroline's accuracy takes the trophy

SQUASH players enjoyed an afternoon of competition, fun and nostalgia at Bridport Leisure Centre last weekend when Bridport Squash Club held its annual Memorial Trophy competition. The competition, a handicap format, was open to all club members with all players having to use wooden rackets and playing nine matches in a round robin style contest.

The early front runners were Bill Hill and Nick Neale playing in high spirits, but both faded a little as the afternoon wore on, whilst Ed Mamanta put in a fine, determined performance showing good potential for the future.

With eight wins apiece, Andrew Magilivray and Caroline Hughes were joint leaders forcing a play-off, but it was Caroline's pin-point accuracy at placing the ball into the corners of the court that enabled her to overcome the powerplay of her opponent to take the trophy. Club coach Steve Brake said it was a great competition bringing together players of different standards and experience whilst also raising £100 for charity.

◆ **WELL DONE: Chris Fox presents the trophy to winner Caroline Hughes watched by Andrew Magilivray.**

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Weather wreaks havoc

SCORES of footballers were left twiddling their thumbs due to the inclement weather over the weekend.

Games were postponed across the region with just one fixture surviving in the Dorset Premier League.

Waterlogging and high winds put paid to Portland United's clash with Wincanton Town at Grove Corner while it was a similar story at the View From Stadium where Weymouth reserves were due to take on Westland Sports.

And there was no luck either for Chickerell United whose trip to Holt United was called off as early as Friday afternoon.

The only game to survive the weather was at Blandford where a lot of hard work went into preparing the pitch.

The Royals slipped up against their visitors from Cobham Sports 3-1 and missed the chance to move into the top three. Brian Lever put the Sports one up in the 20th minute and when the same player made it 2-0 just before the break.

The third goal came on the hour through Derrent Blenman although Blandford did hit back to score a late consolation in the dying minutes.

This was the Sports fourth victory and it lifts them three places in the table to 11th while Blandford stay in seventh.

All other games were postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

Shipton Gorge table-tennis

Tucknott steers Gorge to win

Shipton Gorge B 21
Colliton B 15

HAVING lost the same encounter last season Shipton knew that this match would be no easy ride and it needed all the skill and patience that Ron Tucknott and Jim Saunders could muster to keep their side in front.

The more aggressive style of an out of practice Gary Edwardes was less effective against opponents who defended cleverly and only two points came Gary's way. However Tucknott collected a full nine points and Saunders seven before combining to take the doubles 3-1.

Skipper Colin Davis, currently confined to hospital will have been cheered by his team's efforts.

League tables can be found on tabletennisuk.info under Counties following Dorset then Weymouth.

Civil Service B 10
Shipton Gorge A 27

IN Richard Trim's absence Eddy Buck managed a useful six points for the visitors but it was the skill and experience of his team mates Gil Roberts and Chris Glover, with maximums of nine points, which overcame an enthusiastic home side.

With three matches taking place simultaneously at the Wyke Regis Centre concentration was an important factor, but the more experienced side were not distracted and maintained control of the match with Glover and Roberts finishing in fine style with a 3-0 win in the doubles.

WEST DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP with *STUART BROOM*

O'BRIEN FUMES AT DISMAL DISPLAY

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 EASTLEIGH 2
Blue Square South - Attendance: 419

MANAGER Roy O'Brien was left seething at his side's dismal display, describing them as "Jekyll and Hyde" after they surrendered an early lead at the Jewson Stadium last Tuesday.

Having earned the county town their second successive away win with a battling display at Havant & Waterlooville just three days earlier, the same players produced an inept performance that left the home fans bewildered.

The Magpies got off to a flying start by taking the lead in the fifth minute when Andre McCollins floated a diagonal pass just over Aaron Cooke's head for Ryan Moss. The striker strode forward purposefully before beating Steve Arnold with a powerful drive from an acute angle that dipped over the keeper's head and into the far corner of the net.

Eastleigh responded almost immediately and former Magpie Jamie Brown had Regan Coward producing the first of a string of saves that kept Dorchester in the game when he had to be sharp to get down to his right to stop Brown's shot after he was put in.

Dorchester started to lose their way in the fog that had descended on the Jewson Stadium and Eastleigh started to take control. Anthony Riviere's volley was deflected for a corner before they had a great chance to level the scores from the penalty spot following Ashley Vickers rash challenge from behind.

However Coward produced another superb spot kick save, his third in four this season, by diving low to his left to keep out Brett Poate's effort.

They survived another scare on 27 minutes when Tony Taggart's vicious shot took a deflection before hitting Gary Bowles on the chest close to goal.

Dorchester's attacks were spasmodic but Moss had a great chance to double their lead on the half hour when he was put clear by Ian Selley's through pass but he shot straight at Arnold.

The visitors continued to put the Magpies under pressure and a minute from the break they go their reward when Peter Adenyi hooked the ball home from 10 yards after a corner wasn't cleared properly.

Only Coward prevented them scoring again moments later when he sprang to his left to push Browne's powerful header over the angle of the goal frame.

Despite the fog lifting during the break, it did not help Dorchester's shooting. Phil Walsh got on the end of Selley's flighted free-kick but couldn't direct it wide of Arnold before Moss had two great chances within a minute to restore the Magpie's lead. First good interpassing between the striker and sub Matt Groves again left Moss in the clear but he shot straight at Arnold and he did the same after muscling his way past a defender.

Eastleigh restored control in the last 20 minutes and Riviere was unlucky when his low drive this time beat Coward but struck the outside of the post. However they got the goal they deserved with 10 minutes left when Coward could do nothing when Richard Gillespie's superb anticipation and run met sub Jamie Taylor's cross to bullet a header home from eight yards.

Dorchester almost snatched a draw when Selley hit a thunderous 35-yard piledriver with just minutes remaining but unfortunately Arnold was well placed to hold it.

Prior to kick-off there was a minute's silence in memory of Dorchester-based soldier Philip Allen, who died on Saturday while serving in Afghanistan.

NO CHANCE | Dorchester keeper Regan Coward can do nothing to prevent Richard Gillespie's winning header Photo by IDRIS MARTIN.

Groves grabs Magpies a point

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 WORCESTER CITY 1

MATT Groves' equaliser gave manager Roy O'Brien a positive to take from Saturday's match following his sides abysmal performance midweek against Eastleigh.

O'Brien had referred to his side as a Jekyll and Hyde outfit after they surrendered the lead against Eastleigh and was looking for his players to produce a better showing against fellow strugglers Worcester City.

Unfortunately the gale force wind put paid to his players showing too much of their skills but they did show a fighting spirit to battle back after going behind.

The game was always going to be littered with errors but by and large the players coped well with the swirling elements and provided an entertaining contest, particularly in the second-half once the wind had dropped.

The first-half was, not surprisingly, an untidy spectacle but both teams fashioned chances to have taken the lead.

Worcester City's Jake Meredith, making his debut in goal almost handed the Magpies an opportunity on 20 minutes when he rushed from goal to clear but missed the ball but fortunately his defenders ensured the lurking Ryan Moss could not capitalise.

Gary Walker then came to Worcester's rescue twice within a minute, first hacking Groves hooked shot clear before clearing Ian Selley's corner kick that had taken a deflection off the line.

Moments later the midfielder turned up at the other end to finish Wayne Daniel's cross off after Marco Adaggio had broken downfield but was ruled offside.

Groves had Meredith diving to his left to push away his 20-yard curling shot right at the start of the second-half, but it was Worcester who took the lead on 54 minutes when Matt Dinsmore cut the ball back to Craig Wilding on the edge of the area and he fired a firm strike beyond Regan Coward into the bottom corner.

O'Brien replaced one Yeovil loanee Louis Lavers with another Andre McCollin on 68 minutes and within a minute Dorchester were level.

The former Fisher Athletic player caused havoc down the left and, after dribbling his way into the box, supplied the pass for Groves to side-foot past a static Meredith at the near post.

Suddenly it was the Magpies who sensed victory but they were stopped in their tracks by a flurry of bookings on either side, and the visitors might have snatched victory at the death when Adaggio rattled the woodwork with a scorching strike in the final seconds.

BRIDPORT U10s 18 WEYMOUTH COUGARS 0

BUT for the brilliance of the visitor's keeper the scoreline would have been much more as Bridport finally found their shooting boots.

With the whole Bridport team playing their best football of the season Weymouth did not really stand a chance and home keeper Jordan Scadding was no more than a spectator.

However Jamie Herbert and Callum Middleton deserve special mention with the latter scoring the goal of the game with a solo run through the visitors defence before slotting home.

BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE *5-A-SIDE LEAGUE: WEEK THREE*

WEEK Three turned out to be a tight affair with just 38 goals being scored compared to the 73 scored in week One.

The first game of the night saw Mutz Nutz and BBC United share the spoils with a 3-3 draw. Next was Castle United beating This is Football 8-3.

Audacious started with just four players and went a goal behind to 2 Stripe Athletic before fighting back to win 6v-1. The game billed as the 'brawl in the hall' between Samba Boys and Pineapple Athletic finished honours even at 4-4.

The final game of the evening saw Bayern Neverlusen defeat Craggy Island 5-1.

Sunday's fixtures:

6.10 Craggy Island v Samba Boys
6.30 This is Football v Audacious
6.55 Pineapple Utd v Mutz Nutz
7.20 Bayern Neverlusen v Castle United
7.45 BBC United v 2 Stripe Athletic

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Prize £
Audacious	3	3	0	0	24	5	19	9	500
Samba Boys	3	2	1	0	31	11	20	7	250
Bayer Neverlusen	3	2	1	0	14	7	7	7	150
Castle United	3	2	0	1	25	13	12	6	100
Pineapple United	3	1	2	0	13	10	3	5	75
Mutz Nutz	3	1	1	1	15	21	-6	4	65
Craggy Island	3	1	0	2	8	19	-11	3	55
BBC United	3	0	1	2	11	22	-11	1	45
This is Football	3	0	0	3	12	22	-10	0	35
2 Stripe Athletic	3	0	0	3	5	28	-23	0	25

FA YOUTH FOOTBALL: SUSSEX 4 DORSET 1

DORSET's interested in the FA County Youth Cup was ended by a lively Sussex side at Lancing in their second round match.

The hosts opened the scoring on 30 minutes through Elliot Romain and a penalty conversion by Matt Whitehead made it 2-0 just before the break.

The visitors battled hard during the second period but they finally surrendered in 84th minute when Romain added a third for Sussex from close range.

Romain went on to complete his hat-trick before West Moors' Nathan Saxby headed a consolation effort for Dorset in injury-time.

RUGBY ROUND-UP *with Keith Jenkin*

HAVING watched England disappoint rather against Australia last weekend, I really should have watched a local rugby game on Saturday last. Old loyalties proved too strong however and I journeyed to Sandy Park to watch Exeter play the Cornish Pirates.

In the event though, there were one or two who were also absent from the local rugby scene. The HONITON first side were without a fixture in the Devon League North and East section. Their Colts side too had the weekend off.

In Somerset, the Chard third side were able to do their Christmas shopping early, while over in Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South), the Weymouth second side were likewise involved.

In fact, a weekend that was already a little sparse as far as local rugby was concerned, was made even more so after the weather had taken a hand.

Understandably after wet Friday, SIDMOUTH'S game against visitors, BRIXHAM that was due to take place at the Blackmoor, together with WEYMOUTH'S home encounter against WARMINSTER, fell victim to the weather.

CHARD'S Somerset Premier league game at the Dening Field against OLD SULAINS and the outing of CHARD 2nd at SOMERTON, were both called off owing to the respective grounds being deemed unfit for play.

Honiton seconds game at Withycombe also did not go ahead.

BLANDFORD 3pts BRIDPORT 13pts

THE Bridport club is, overall, stronger in depth than it has been in recent years and it coped with some seven team changes in beating an improving home side after a game in which the weather played a massive role. A strong wind was blowing down the ground and Bridport had it at their backs in the first period.

Strangely, all the scoring came before the contest was half an hour old. The visitors, having taken the lead with an early penalty goal kicked by Wesley Lewis, followed it with a try after 15 minutes' play when winger Mike Pibworth got over in the corner after some good work by his number eight and scrum half on the narrow side after a set scrummage some thirty yards out.

His effort took Bridport's lead to 8-0 and they increased it some ten minutes later. They turned over possession at a lineout and, after a couple of "pick and drives", back row man Jack Edwards found himself in space and galloped over from twenty metres out.

This try too remained unconverted and, just before the break, Blandford, on one of their rare excursions into Bridport's territory, kicked a penalty goal to reduce the arrears.

The score remained at 3-13 at the interval and left the Bridport camp wondering if their ten point lead was going to be sufficient, for the home side would have the elements in their favour throughout the second half.

Bridport will, with hindsight, feel that it was their defence in the second-half that really won them this one. More than threequarters of the second half action took place in their territory but their defence held out. Their discipline too stood the test, something that it has not always done. Blandford could not make inroads into the lead and Bridport emerged worthy winners in the end.

BRIDPORT 2nd 44pts SOUTH WILTS 10pts

THE home side faced the very considerable wind in the first half and, after a couple of abortive attempts at kicking, wisely decided that running with the ball in hand was a much better option. The ploy paid early dividends.

Winger Alistair Hill got over after the ball had been sent along the home line. Tom Swatridge, playing on the other wing, converted this one but could not manage to add the extras to a try that he touched down himself scant minutes later.

South Wilts., whose strength was in their pack, came back with a penalty goal before the game was twenty minutes old but the home side responded in short order when scrum half Harry Ewert broke from the base of a ruck and scored himself. Swatridge again kicked the conversion and Bridport were well clear at 19-3 ahead.

The visitors settled on the tactic of trying to starve the home backs of possession and it worked to a degree for they got themselves back into the contest with a converted try, scored from close range on the half hour. It was Bridport who had the final say of the half however, with centre Nick Hill getting over to take the score to 24-10 at the break.

The home side rang the changes at the halfway stage and increased their lead via a Swatridge penalty early in the second-half.

The visitors continued to try to keep the game tight but could not do so completely and lock James Livingstone galloped over just before the hour and his unconverted try took the score to 32-10.

Bridport continued to play expansively and they stretched away through Hill's second try of the game, converted by Swatridge just after the hour. Tom Swatridge was enjoying a pretty good day and he completed it by scoring in the corner in the last five minutes to take his side to a most comfortable win.

DORCHESTER 66pts DEVIZES 3pts

IT was important that the Dorchester side put last week's reversal behind them, and they certainly did just that. Playing into what was a very strong wind in the first period, they eschewed their kicking game and ran at Devizes, ball in hand, and spinning it wide as often as possible.

They opened their account with an unconverted try, scored in the corner by left winger, Tom Gower and moved further ahead soon after when his colleague on the right, James baker, added a second, converted this time by Jones. In spite of having the advantage of the wind, the visitors rarely encroached into home territory but did manage a penalty goal before the break.

They had their share of misfortune too, losing their hooker with a broken ankle before the break. Nevertheless, with the scoreline reading 12-3 in their favour, and with the elements at their backs in the second-half, Dorchester would certainly been confident of the outcome at the halfway stage.

So it proved. The floodgates opened in the second period as the home side crossed the whitewash eight times. Tom Gower added two more tries to his first half touchdown. Backs Matt Read, Lee Harvey, Adam Jones and Dave Gower all got over the visitors' line and, not to be outdone, forwards King and Chalker touched down as home pressure told.

Conditions would not have been ideal for place kicking and Jones would have been very satisfied with his seven second half conversion that completed the scoring and took Dorchester over the horizon well before the final whistle.

The side has a week off this week; bet there are one or two stiff challenges just around the corner

DORCHESTER 2nd 7pts SHERBORNE 2nd 41pts

NOT such good news for the Dorchester second side. They went down against a very useful Sherborne second string who are challenging near the top of the Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South).

PREVIEW

WHILE DORCHESTER take a rest on Saturday next, the other two local sides are involved in cup action, and both have home games.

WEYMOUTH, having already come from behind to dispose of Thatcham of the Bucks, Berks and Oxford Premier Division, now entertain OXFORD who lie a couple of places above Thatcham in the same division.

All that one can really ask for in cup rugby is a home draw. Weymouth have just that and will be looking to make home advantage count.

The same sentiment also applies to BRIDPORT. They entertain DRIFTERS, a side who lie just off the pace in the Bucks, Berks and Oxford Premier Division. Both local sides will know that, if they play to their capabilities, they are capable of progressing in the competition. Let's hope they can do so.

Note:- Cup games tend to kick off thirty minutes earlier than normal league fixtures owing to the possibility that extra time might have to be played. Bridport's and Weymouth's home fixtures on Saturday will start at 2pm.

Fixtures November, 21st - Bridport v Drifters (home); Bridport 2nd v Crewkerne Vets (away); Chard v Old Sulians (home); Chard 2 v North Petherton 2nd (home); Chard 3rd v Wells 3rd (away); Chard Colts v Wiveliscombe Colts (away); Crewkerne Vets v Bridport 2nd (home); Dorchester v No Game; Dorchester 2nd v No Game; Honiton v South Molton (away); Honiton 2nd v Pool game; Honiton Colts v Sidmouth Colts (away); Sidmouth v Brixham (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Barnstaple 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Okehampton 3rd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Honiton Colts (home); Weymouth v Oxford (home); Weymouth 2nd v No Game.

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WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

with *Stuart Broom and Paul Baker*

HORSE RACING ROUND-UP

THE SAWYER IMPRESSES FRANCOME

THE SAWYER earned high praise from former seven times champion national hunt jockey John Francome who claimed he would "come out of retirement to ride that horse" despite finishing second at Cheltenham last Friday.

The nine-year-old was having a warm-up race prior to racing next weekend either at Haydock in the Betfair Chase or the Becher Handicap Chase at Aintree as a possible stepping stone to the John Smith Grand National next April.

Although beaten into second place in the Irish Times Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase by Razor Royale, he jumped superbly throughout the race, prompting the comment from Francome now an award winning pundit on Channel 4's Racing programme.

Trainer Bob Buckler added: It was an amazingly good run. He jumped superbly from fence to fence and never put a foot wrong and Mark Wall gave him a lovely ride."

Unfortunately Dream Champion who was disputing the lead with the first two fell two out forcing Wall to take evasive action resulting in him losing his stirrups. By the time he recovered Nigel Twiston-Davis's horse had stolen a march on him.

"Doesn't he deserve to win a race," said Buckler after ***Clyffe Hanger*** was beaten a neck at Exeter. "That's the third time in a month he has finished in the frame without winning.

"The handicapper keeps raising his weight; he as been put up 20lb since he finished second at Kempton 18 months ago but has still continued to improve; but he continues to put in very consistent performances."

With winner The Great Alfie they were 25 lengths clear of the third horse which will probably mean another penalty.

His only two wins came as a five year old but after losing confidence after a fall over fences, Buckler reverted him back to hurdling. Having put in a number of good performances, Buckler will now start schooling him back over fences to try and regain his confidence.

"He's not the bravest horse but has great potential."

MITCHELL STILL PINCHING HIMSELF

NICK Mitchell still cannot quite believe he notched up a big-race double two Saturday's ago.

The Listener's all-the-way win the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal and Ellerslie George's success in the Badger Ales Trophy at Wincanton gave the Piddletrenthide trainer a day to remember.

He said: "It was unbelievable. Even the morning after it was not quite registering. Guy Henderson, the owner of Ellerslie George, rang up and asked if it did actually happen and I said it did as it was in the newspapers."

Mitchell reports his two stable stars to be in top form following their well-documented exploits.

"The Listener looks really good. Those conditions are the key to him. I don't know another horse that can handle horrible ground like he does and his jumping was impeccable.

"It will be the plan to go back for the John Durkan at Punchestown next month. He's won it before and he nearly won it again last year. It will be a hotter race by the look of it. He's a Grade 1 chaser so he'll keep going in those races."

In contrast, **Ellerslie George** may well be given a holiday after his victory in the hands of the owner's son, 7lb-claiming amateur Robbie Henderson.

"He too is as bright as a button. I was proud of Robbie. He carried out my instructions to a tee and slightly stole it a bit," Mitchell went on.

"The plan was to use his jumping and the fact he had the lightest weight in the end. We wanted to make that tell.

"We'll see what the handicapper does to him, but we might give him a little break now. I've got to talk to the owner but there's a possibility of bringing him back early spring. He does like decent ground."

Tizzard looking for handicappers help

COLIN Tizzard is hoping the handicapper will show some mercy and drop Joe Lively a few pounds following his comeback run at Down Royal.

The Dorset trainer feels his smart staying chaser is hard to place and would like to see a drop in his rating of 165.

Joe Lively won the Letheby & Christopher Chase at Cheltenham in January but then injured a tendon at Kempton in February. He was having his first race since when fifth to The Listener in the JNwine.com Champion Chase.

"He just needed the run a bit - we thought he might," said Sherborne-based Tizzard. "He's good enough to run in those races and will pick up a lot for that. He got fat during the summer.

"It will be interesting to see if the handicapper drops him a bit. He's on a mark of 165. It's terrible; I don't know where we'll go with him.

"He's in the Hennessy, but horses off that mark don't run in a handicap other than Denman. I don't know where he'll go next, but I'll try to find somewhere for him next month.

BRIDPORT CLUSTER SCHOOLS

Real cross country conditions!

GALE force winds and sweeping rain did not deter young athletes from competing in the Bridport Cluster Schools cross country race around Colmers Hill, Symondsbury last Saturday.

Girls and boys from the local primary schools looked excited at the prospect of competing in the ninth annual race around one of the county's best known landmarks.

Eva Bowring from Loders Primary School was the first girl home in a time of 9 minutes 31 seconds. She won by 150 metres from Oshan Vowles from Burton Bradstock Primary School with Mia Luck from Powerstock Primary School a close third.

Symondsbury Primary School won the team shield.

James Millar from Loders school won the boys race in a time of 7 minutes 49 seconds beating James Noonan from Burton Bradstock into second place with schoolmate Charlie Parkman third.

Loders won the boys team shield with what might be the lowest score ever of 17 points having also bagged fifth and eighth places.

Race organiser Richard Tuck said: "It was a fantastic effort from everyone considering the conditions. It is the first time in nine years that we have not had sunny weather, but they all coped with it very well. I think they relished the chance to run in what is cross country conditions at its worst, and were smiling at the end as well as the beginning!

"We had to clear some branches and debris from the one mile course beforehand, but everyone completed the race which is a testament to them all."

THEY'RE OFF | The start of the boys race.

WINNER | Eva Bowring battles into the gale force wind as she wins the girls race

BEAMINSTER HOCKEY

Battling Beaminster share the spoils

BEAMINSTER 1 SALISBURY 2nd 1

BEAMINSTER showed their battling qualities as they hung on for a draw in a very entertaining match against a Salisbury side that sprung to life at half-time.

Beaminster had the better of the first half and should have added to their second minute goal but some loose passing and sloppy play meant they had to hang on desperately in the second half after Salisbury equalised early in the second half.

Things started very brightly for the West Dorset club and they got off to a good start when Emma Davies steered the ball home after just two minutes.

Jackie Gape won the ball out wide right and cut inboard before slipping the ball into the path of Megan Tuck who on beating the onrushing keeper neatly moved it sideways to give Davies an easy opportunity.

Beaminster continued to dominate for the first 20 minutes without really troubling the visiting keeper too much, before Salisbury caused panic in the home defence, forcing two short corners and home stopper Rachel Andrews into action.

With Salisbury growing in stature, Beaminster seemed to lose their confidence and their sharp play of earlier waned into a series of misplaced passes and indecision.

Soon after the break Tuck almost increased the home sides lead when she cleverly flicked on a goalbound shot but the keeper was equal to her blocking her shot with her pads.

Salisbury, who were immediately below third placed Beaminster began to up the tempo driven on by their experienced midfielder and they equalised six minutes into the second-half with a well worked goal excellently executed with a lifted shot from just inside the top of the D.

The game became nip and tuck for the next 15 minutes and Gape almost scored following a mazy dribble from the left byline but her shot hit the outside of the neat post.

Then Tuck drove just wide of the post after good work by Sophia Brown, whilst at the other end Andrews made a great block when it looked like the visitors might snatch the points.

However Beaminster held on to share the spoils and can look forward to consolidating their position in the table. Gape once again had a good game in midfield backed up by Laura Clark whilst full-backs Brown and Ali White were very solid at the back and supported their forwards well.

Having played every side once they should have no fears, even unbeaten Weymouth only beat them by a lone goal.

GILLINGHAM 2nd 3 BEAMINSTER 2nd 0

FIELDING only ten players for this Kitson & Trotman Friendly League match, the majority in their early teens, Beaminster found themselves up against a strong Gillingham side.

During the run up to an early Gillingham goal, vice-captain Sophia Brown took a blow to the face from an opposing stick, but after treatment on the sideline, bravely returned to her vital key role in mid field. Beaminster went into the break only a goal down thanks to sterling defensive work notably from Beth Thomas and excellent goal keeping from Rachel Andrews.

In the second half, although dominating play, Gillingham did not have it all their own way. Lucy de Greeff and Lucy Timbrell connected well on the left and Beaminster were unlucky not to score when a goal bound ball was stopped on the line. Inevitably, with Gillingham able to bring on several substitutes, the player deficit took its toll, and Gillingham scored twice more.

However Beaminster put up a good fight, and the votes for player of the match reflected that, and despite the score line, this was a plucky all round performance.

BUSY | Laura Clark (right) pressurises the Salisbury defence watched by Jackie Gape (46) and Claire Mudford (26)

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

Win still eludes Bridport

BRIDPORT Superleague hosted high flying Blandford but unfortunately there were no fireworks from the home team as the men crashed to a 3-9 defeat and the ladies went down 4-5.

The men's night started well with Colin Paul-Sellick and Graham Knight winning the opening pairs but Blandford took the next three to set the tone for the evening.

With an uphill battle ahead Paul-Sellick won 3-1, hitting seven tons and picking up the Eale Autos Man of the Match award with a 21.69 average, to put the men back in it.

Unfortunately it was a bad night for Bridport as Graham Knight, an unlucky Dan Morley, Nigel Druce, Joe Carter, Mike Long and Ginge Collins all perished leaving Mark Munro as the only other singles winner. He won 3-2 hitting a 180 and 7 ton plus scores.

Bridport men now travel to Boscombe still looking for their first win. The team is: Knight, Munro, Collins, Morley, Carter, Ben Grainger, Spanner Adams and Colin Paul-Sellick. Sub Mike Long.

The Ladies team went 1-2 down after the pairs, Jo Knight and Ali Citreon-Symes picking up the point, but Janet Collins put the team's level picking up the Edward Sports Lady of the Match in the process with a cracking 3-1 win. Fortunes fluctuated as Janine Paul-Sellick lost 0-3 before Jo Knight levelled it again with a 3-0 win.

Unfortunately Ali Citreon-Symes and Elaine Ingram both lost 0-3 meaning Helen Long's 3-2 win was in vain.

The ladies team for Boscombe is still to be decided but will consist of six from: Long, Ingram, Knight, Paul-Sellick, Collins, Liz Vowles and Sonja Cook.

Bus leaves Axminster at 5.15, Chideock 5.30 and Bridport 5.45.

DORCHESTER BOXING CLUB

COONEY STEPS UP

Up and coming boxer Luke Cooney has been offered the opportunity to enhance his career with a fight against Ciaran Hayes from Nottingham.

Despite the Dorchester Boxing Club prospect losing a warm up bout against City of Guildford's George Crawt at Lymington recently, head coach Ben Geyser thinks he is ready to step up .

He said: "Luke is maturing and ready for this big step up. We realise he will be entering unknown territory, but he has been training hard for this super bout."

Hayes boasts a 25 bout career and if the fight takes place it will be at a venue midway between the two clubs.

Both Cooney and Crawt countered strongly in their bout, but when Cooney stepped up the temp he caught Crawt with a series of punches to the head before finishing the round by landing the perfect hook to his opponents chin.

However Crawt breezed through the second round after landing a punch of Cooney's nose, and although the Dorchester boxer fought his way back into the contest, he retired himself at the end of the round from a recurring old nose injury.

Cooney's corner man Jamie and Geyser thought that their boxer stayed cool and calm under pressure and could have won the fight which was one of the most exciting on the card.

IN FIGHTING MOOD | Head coach Ben Geyser instructs Luke Cooney in training.

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Inside: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

TALKING WITH TREVOR: Postponement a blessing

by Stuart Broom

MANAGER Trevor Senior whilst looking forward to Saturday's local derby with Chard Town feels last weekend's postponement was a blessing in disguise.

Following heavy rain and gales on Friday and Saturday morning the game against Roman Glass St George was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch with surface water at the car park end of the ground.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to continue their current good form of four wins in the last six league matches, Senior was pleased that the extra days has given on-loan keeper Simon Evans' back injury more time to recover.

"Simon hurt his back lifting something at work the day before we played Weymouth. He was naturally anxious not to miss the match but he did aggravate it a bit. The postponement will mean he has another seven days to hopefully recover in time for Chard."

Senior confirmed that Lee Cuff had offered to standby should Evans have not been fit and that he was still available to play as long as he was given time to make arrangements to fit around his work.

The situation regarding Lee Cleal looks to be in the balance. He returned to his former club Lyme Regis having been dropped when Evans arrived, and played as a striker for the Seasiders.

Senior has spoken to Cleal who says he feels he would like to play outfield. "I have suggested to him that he can do that by playing at Bridport if that is what he wants to do.

He is thinking it over at the moment."

Senior confirmed that he was hoping to talk to Weymouth manager Ian Hutchinson to see if he can extend Evans' loan. "I'm waiting to find out what the situation is at Weymouth regarding their financial plight before I talk to Hutch, but I would love to extend his stay."

In the meantime there is a chance that skipper Darren Lock could return this weekend, although not necessarily in the first team.

"Weymouth's physio took a look at him during our friendly with them and felt that he needed to strengthen his knee ligaments, so he is doing extra weights and swimming. We'll have to wait and assess the situation to see if he is fit to play for one of the side's this weekend."

One person who appears to have played his last game for Bridport is Jamie Symes. The 16-year-old who signed dual registration has been playing for both the Bees and the Magpies during the past few weeks but has now decided that he wants to try his luck at Dorchester Town, although it is understood from Symes' Facebook that he has been offered the opportunity to train with League One side Blackpool's first team who are managed by former Plymouth player and manager Ian Holloway.

Senior said: "I feel sorry for the lad as he was trying not to upset either club and didn't really know what to do.

"We are sorry that he won't be playing for us but he feels he needs to move on and try and better himself and we wish him all the best"

There is better news however on Lewis Cocker who has been out with a foot injury for two months.

"I spoke with Lewis yesterday and he hopes to resume training tonight (Wednesday)."

Matt Moors on the other hand is expected to be out longer than originally expected. Injured against Truro City in September he has been sidelined with a knee injury and was expected to return around Christmas.

However his physio has told him that his hamstring is still tight and needs stretching and that he is now not expected to be fit until the end of January.

Senior said: "He is obviously disappointed and is working hard to extend his hamstrings. He is a big loss to the club; he has been very influential in the games he has played and we are looking forward to getting him back again."

Senior is hoping that his side can keep their current good form going against Chard Town who they beat 2-1 at Zembard Lane in early October with goals from Dan Wise and Symes.

The former Reading striker has been pleased with his sides form and believes his side could make a challenge for promotion in the New Year.

"We weren't in a great position after ten games but have started to show what we are capable of. I think we have shown that we are more than a match for anyone and if we can make some ground on the leaders by picking up a few more points up to Christmas, I would like to think that we could push on in the New Year and make a challenge for one of the top positions.

"Maybe promotion might not be possible this season but I think we could go close."

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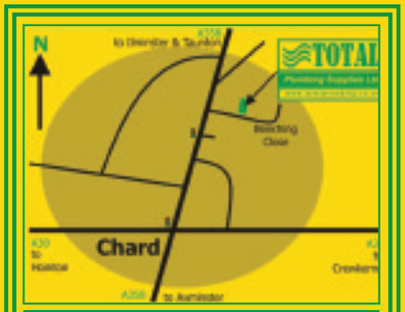
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